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Dear [Minister OR Mr/Ms Lastname]

My name is [full name] and I am writing to you about the Local Government Bill 2019. As a young person I am asking you to support amending the Bill to allow 16 and 17 year old young people the right to voluntarily vote in local government elections.

Young people are an important part of local communities. We contribute through volunteering or working part time. For example, I [explain what you do to contribute to your local community. You could think of other things like: playing sport, operating a business or volunteering].

Young people will be the most affected by the fundamental challenges facing Australia and their local communities right now, because we have the longest to live with the consequences of decisions being made. Young people, like myself, are politically literate and eager to make our voice heard.

Young people deserve to have a say on the future and the local services we use. We rely on local government services every day. For example, I [explain what services you use. Think of libraries, sport and recreation facilities, youth services, community centres, roads, parks and infrastructure]. Young people need to have a say on these services to make sure they work for everyone.

Allowing young people to vote in local government elections is an appropriate way of recognising the contribution we make and encouraging us to continue to participate in local communities. Will you support this amendment to the Local Government Bill 2019 that will allow 16 and 17 year old young people the right to vote in local government elections?

Thank you

[Full name]

[Your email]