



End child marriage petition worksheet (p. 7)

Dear Prime Minister,

Child marriage is a human rights violation that robs girls of their rights to health, to live in security, and to choose if, when and whom to marry.

I call on the Australian Government to:

Work with the international community to take all possible steps to end the practice of child marriage within a generation, by 2030.

Use its position on the international stage to encourage global policy responses that recognise:

- the relationship between marriage and other rights,
- the need to address harmful traditional practices in communities, and
- the increased threat of early marriage in humanitarian and fragile contexts.

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1. Writing petitions is a common practice in campaigns seeking to bring about change. Petitions aim to persuade the recipient to take action on an issue. They have a specific statement outlining what they want the recipient to do and give reasons why this action is important.

In the *End child marriage petition* above, identify the following:

• the recipient _____

• the ask – what the writer wants the recipient to do

• the reasons why the writer believes this action/issue is important

2. Research and write a petition for a social justice issue you are interested in. Think about who could change the situation, what change you want that person to make, and why they should follow your recommendation. Why is this issue important?