

Mr/Ms/Mrs/The Hon¹/Senator
Address
Suburb State Postcode

Date

Dear [Salutation]²,

I am writing because women shouldn't have to die waiting for breast cancer screening and treatment, but in Gaza, they do.

Breast cancer is one of the biggest killers of women in the Gaza strip, due largely because of the lack of education about breast screening, and difficulties in receiving appropriate treatment once they are diagnosed.

- Many women in Gaza are not aware of the need to check their breasts and to seek medical advice if they detect changes.
- The ongoing blockade of Gaza by Israel makes it difficult to access appropriate treatment, and maintain or update specialist equipment to detect breast cancer
- As a consequence, even if women know that they have breast cancer, many die waiting.

I am asking you to ask the leadership of your party to lobby Palestinian and Israeli Government representatives for:

- A quicker and more streamlined medical permit process, for people who need treatment and care outside of Gaza
- For all drugs on the WHO Essential Drugs List to be supplied and to be made available in Gaza
- Report to elected representatives in Israel, the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and the Australian Parliament on the high mortality rates from breast cancer in Gaza and the reality that women die waiting.
- Consider publicly supporting Anglicord's Women Die Waiting campaign and events in Australia. You can find more information about this campaign at www.womendiewaiting.org.au.

Yours sincerely,

Your name

¹ The Hon is only used if the recipient holds a portfolio. See <http://www.aph.gov.au/library/tutorial/address.htm> for more details

²Mr/Ms/Mrs Last Name if an MP does not hold a portfolio, Minister Last Name if the MP holds a portfolio, Senator Last Name for members of the Senate.