**📄 Aphasia-Friendly Letter to My MP**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
**Your Address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**To [MP’s Name],**

👋 **Hello. My name is** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
🏡 I live in your area.
✉️ I am writing to you because I have **aphasia**.

**❓ What is Aphasia?**

🧠 Aphasia is a **language problem**.
⚠️ It is caused by a **brain injury**.
Aphasia makes it hard for me to:

🚫🗣️ Talk
🚫👂 Understand what people say
🚫📖 Read
🚫✍️ Write
🚫🔢 Use numbers

🧠 Aphasia does **not affect my intelligence**.
💬 I know what I want to say.

**⚠️ What Causes Aphasia?**

Aphasia can happen after:

🩺 A stroke
💥 A brain injury
🎗️ A brain tumour
🧬 Some brain diseases

✍️ **My aphasia was caused by:**

**💔 How Aphasia Affects My Life**

Aphasia makes life harder.
It can be hard to:

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Talk to family and friends
🛒 Go shopping
📱 Use the phone
💼 Work
🎉 Join in social life

😔 It can make people feel **sad**, **lonely**, or **left out**.
✅ But with **help** and **therapy**, people with aphasia can improve.

**🇦🇺 Aphasia in Australia**

📊 Over **140,000 Australians** have aphasia.
⚕️ About **1 in 3 stroke survivors** get aphasia.
🧏 Many people have **never heard** of aphasia.

📢 We need **more awareness and support**.

**🙏 What I Am Asking**

Please help people with aphasia by:

➡️ 🏛️ **Talking about aphasia in Parliament**
➡️ 🏥 Supporting better **health and speech therapy** services
➡️ 📣 Helping the public **learn what aphasia is** and how to **support communication**

🗣️ We need your voice to help make change.
📘 You can learn more by visiting: 🌐 <https://aphasia.org.au>

🙏 **Thank you** for reading my letter.
📬 Please reply when you can.

**Sincerely,**
✍️ [Your Name]
(Sign or write your name again)

**✏️ Optional: Add Your Story**

You can write more here if you like:

🧠 “I got aphasia because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
🔄 “Aphasia has changed my life by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
💡 “What helps me is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”