**📄 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”