

MEDIA RELEASE



The Hon **David Hawker** MP
Federal Member for Wannon



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HAWKER WARNS TO BEWARE OF NEW SCAM

Federal Member for Wannon, David Hawker, today urged Western Victorians to beware of a new scam letter presently circulating the region.

“Today a constituent has brought to my attention a letter that claims to have originated in London, promising the addressee more than one million pounds providing they cooperate with the sender,” Mr Hawker said.

“As with so many other letters promising instant wealth, this is a scam. I urge all Western Victorians to be wary when in receipt of letters and email of this sort.

“Remember the old adage - if it looks too good to be true, it usually is.”

Mr Hawker said he fears that some unsuspecting and vulnerable recipients may be lured into providing confidential information, particularly bank details, to the scammers behind the letter.

“There are always fraudsters dreaming up new ways to con people into giving out their banking details,” he said.

“I advise anyone in receipt of one of these letters to simply bin it.”

Mr Hawker said additional information is available to assist in detecting and avoiding scams at www.scamwatch.gov.au, and copies of *The Little Black Book of Scams* are available from Mr Hawker's Electorate Office at 190 Gray Street Hamilton, 73 Kepler Street Warrnambool, or by calling 1300 131 692.

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