Letter to client about handing oneself in after conviction warrant

When the court has issued a conviction warrant because you were absent from court I suggest you take the following approach:

1) Put together any material explaining why you did not attend court, such as a medical certificate for your absence, an email or fax receipt that you tried to tell the court you could not attend, or a phone message about trying to tell the court you could not attend.

2) You are required to hand yourself in at the nearest police station. You should hand yourself in early in the morning. We suggest you hand yourself in the morning so that you are not kept overnight before you are taken to court. You will be taken into custody by the police and then taken to the court house to apply for bail.

3) The fact that you have handed yourself in, instead of the police having to come and find you, will be viewed positively and assist you in trying to have bail granted when you appear at court.

4) A solicitor from Legal Aid NSW will be able to see you at the courthouse whilst you are in custody and do your bail application for you. They will be able to use any paperwork you have brought about your absence from court to try to get you bail.