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barwon heads VIC 3227

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RE: Knights and Dames how about a Sir John Howard instead of arrest for taking us to war

Tone,

Your re-introductions of dames and knights show how out fo date you are as a prime minister.

You want australia returned to the fifty's as john howard wishes.

You and your outdated elderly cabinet deserve every dismissive comment directed at you.

Move with the times or left behind.

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27 Mar 14 21:57:03

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RE: Knights and Dames

In 1873 Victorian chief justice George Higinbotham called it "a base, contemptible distinction" which gave a man nothing more than "a handle to his name"

28 Mar 14 06:00:25

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RE: Reintroduction of knighthoods

I am writing to voice my displeasure at the reintroduction of knighthoods in Australia. As a nation we are mature enough to have developed our own system to recognise those people who provide exemplary public service in Australia. I see no reason why we have to revert to a system that belongs in our past. And it makes me sad that those individuals who have received the Companion of the Order of Australia are now relegated to second best. I agree with many commentators who say it is a backward step and a distraction from those things that we the citizens really care about e.g. jobs, economic growth, the cost of living, our environment, and the list goes on. Please spend our taxpayer dollars wisely looking forward, not backwards, and focus on the things that matter



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26 March, 2014

Hon. Tony Abbott MP
Prime Minister
Office of the Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

On behalf of the members and supporters of the Australian Monarchist League, may I congratulate you on your prudent announcement that you have requested the Queen to restore the rank of knighthood within the Order of Australia.

Whilst I have not been an advocate of a blanket restoration of knighthoods, as so many would go to Republicans, I applaud you on your wisdom in announcing that your intention is that they will go to eminent and distinguished citizens who have accepted public office rather than sought it.

Yours sincerely

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28 Mar 14 20:18:46

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Kingaroy QLD 4610
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RE: Reinstatement of titles ie the likes of 'sir' and 'dame'

Bad move. No votes in this. What fit of madness overcame you? I don't like the thought of such divisive, snobbish titles being used in Australia. Maybe you are in the wrong country

28 Mar 14 20:53:23

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VARSLITY LAKES QLD 4227

s47F

RE: Knight hood

Hi Tony

I think that s22 should be definitely be knighted fir his amazing work. Also the s22 should both be knighted for their tireless work for justice. Alternatively all 3 should be made Sustraluans of the year.

Regards s22

30 Mar 14 11:55:26

s22

Melbourne VIC 3182

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s47F

RE: Imperial honours & the Republic

Restoring Dames and Knights, backwood, anacronistic, stupid reactionary step. A Sovereign nation, such as Australia is entitled to their own honours system, which we have. I can only conclude that the Primeminister, is a moron'. Perhaps we need a law in this country, as in the United States, that the President must be born in the USA., no-matter how much money he has. Australia will become a Republic, with an Australian head of State, before or after you (Tony Abbott) are consigned, to the dustbin of history.

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This is Australia afterall, not England . We are part of Asia not Europe

26 Mar 14 11:29:05

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RE: knights

"Arise, Sir Richard Cranium". (Without doubt, 95% of Australians are laughing at this very sick joke)

27 Mar 14 19:26:14

s22

WA

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RE: Reintroduction of Imperial honours

Seriously? Are you kidding? I mean seriously, are you kidding?

Rarely have I been so embarrassed to be Australian.

C'mon Tony. Seriously? Oh well, I needed cheering up and, despite the embarrassment, it also achieved that.

Seriously

26 Mar 14 10:25:34

s22

Leongatha VIC 3953

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s47F

RE: Return of Imperial Honours

Rt Hon Sir

As I was in the news myself, intermittently, concerning my admiration for a member of the Royal Family (The Princess Royal) since 1972, but failed to utilise that publicity between 1972 and the early 1990's, when the Princess married someone else, as I had been in touch with many Australian politicians over it, I felt very guilty about having failed to use such opportunities as I was given, from time to time. Also, my failure to adequately understand the difference between the Princess's public & private life. Franca Arena, a former citizen of Mussolini's, came to Australia determined to pay back the Royals for their part in Mussolini's defeat, so founded our first republican movement ever - as did Ray Bellisario, in going to England - where he founded the first republican movement since Cromwell! Behind the scenes everyone in the 30 years or so I've lived in UK was as kind as they could be, to me, in the circumstances, so when Franca Arena's movement was able to organise a referendum against the Monarchy a few months after my last publicised fruitless return to Australia in 1995, I was devastated. I am therefore so thrilled, that you have such a balanced view of events, of constitutional matters, to have returned this important link with United Kingdom. As well as being an award system for chivalrous, gentlemanly conduct, which is non partisan and objective. Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart ! God bless,

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26 Mar 14 16:54:35

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MELBOURNE VIC 3004

s47F

RE: bringing back titles?? Sir and Dame

Dear Mr Prime Minister,

There are lot of things I read and understand and agree with that you are doing, I am just an average middle class Australian person, who voted for your team at the last election, but I have to say bringing this back is a bit nutty, and a silly idea, and it doesn't look good from an average middle class person like me and my friends. and if I where you I would not do it, or support it.

just thought you should know I live in a Liberal seat and would have to seriously think about voting for you if this came in.

Thanks

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31 Mar 14 18:25:40

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SUNSHINE NSW 2264

s47F

RE: Knights and Dames

Mr Abbott all my family of nine, and grandchildren think the world of you, but please don't make a laughing stock of yourself by bringing in Knights and Dames.

People are saying that they thought this would be an adult parliament and laughing at you.

There is a strong chance that it will go against you and your party at the W.A. elections.

So please, please, please, don't do this.

It's not too late and people would respect you to be honest and admit it was a rushed decision, as I think even members of your cabinet are not impressed as you didn't confer with them.

That is not like you P.M. and it doesn't do you any favours.

We want to keep you as our P.M. so please reverse this decision and you will be thanked I can tell you.

Thanks for allowing me to contact you.

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31 Mar 14 19:21:35

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MOOROOKA QLD 4105

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RE: Knighthoods

How does one go about submitting a nomination for a knighthood

31 Mar 14 21:20:25

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CLARINDA VIC 3169

s47F

RE: Knighthoods & Dames.

Prime Minister, I am surprised at your government finding the time to bring back the above at a time when there are more important issues this Country of ours need.

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.. I will vote labour

01 Apr 14 02:48:43

s22

ROSE BAY NSW 2029

s47F

RE: Restoration of Knighthoods and Damehoods.

Dear Prime Minister,

I wrote to you some time ago regarding your original decision back in late 2013 to not reinstate knighthoods and damehoods as part of the Australian Honours System. I noted their cultural and historical significance to the very fabric of this nation and requested you to reconsider if possible. When you announced that you would be reinstating knighthoods and damehoods into the Australian Honours system, I was overjoyed with the news. I cannot thank you enough for making this bold, yet controversial move which I believe is only fitting given Australia's intimate and inseparable ties with Britain, which we share many of the same cultural, religious, symbolic, legal and governing institutions with. Australia's heritage is fundamentally British in origin and I believe still remains so, hopefully indefinitely. As a proud s47F, I say thank you with great sincerity for taking the good fight against those cultural vandals in the Left who wish to remove all aspects of British and Anglo-Celtic identity from Australian culture, which is itself fundamentally at the very heart of Australian culture and identity.

Thank you again for fighting to preserve this country's heritage and powerful symbols that help define our great nation.

Warmest of regards,

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Student, Sydney University

01 Apr 14 11:28:26

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SA 4076

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RE: Knighthoods

Prime Minister,

I believe your decision to award knighthoods is an excellent move.

The function of a Knighthood is to create national and international recognition of achievement. Unfortunately it is an anathema to the current cult of mediocracy that pervades Australia.

My only criticism is that the limit of four per year seems to be artificial

Can I suggest a couple of names for consideration. s22 - a man of talent who had dedicated his life to the betterment of Australian aboriginals

The following are living Australian Nobel laureates though not all live in Australia, s22

Regards

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(response not required)

01 Apr 14 14:00:08

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YARRA GLEN VIC 3775

s47F

RE: Introduction of Imperial Titles.

To the Primine Minister, Dear Sir, It was with considerable disapointment that I heard through the media that you had decided to re-instate the Imperial Titles for outstanding performance by members in out society. I was also advised that you had not consulted your parliamentary colleagues about this action before anouncing this to the public. My understanding is that you spoke to the Lady at Westminster Abbey several thousand km overseas and, together, you agreed that this proposal was acceptable. I will continue this letter by mail.

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01 Apr 14 16:33:13

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RE: Knights and Dames

I just want to let you know how disgusted I am with your decision to re-introduce Knights and Dames and your choice of people.

I voted for you, but you have lost my vote in future because of this move.

I am strongly against having a Governor General or arse licking the royals.

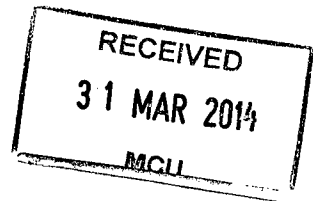
I liked you because I thought you were a peoples person, but you are out of touch with what the public really want. And I'm not alone in these thoughts.

Bring on the next election

s22

Belair SA 5052
25-3-14

Mr Abbott
Liberal Party
Canberra



I am absolutely shocked & totally
dismayed by your priorities in
Government.

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And now these Sirs & Dames! what a
contrast — put into operation (without
consultation) — within a few weeks!!

Appalling to know that snobbery comes
before Compassion. This disgusts me most
of all especially from a "Christian" leader!

For the first time in my life I am
ASHAMED to be an Australian.

from
a lifetime liberal voter — never again.

26 Mar 14 16:14:41

s22

VIC 3095

s47F

RE: knights and stuff

Our family are fans of the government and Australia's relationship with the UK, but I don't quite understand why you invited the unnecessary flak with a change to the honours system. Surely it's not that important and it can only invite trouble from the dills warming the opposition benches

01 Apr 14 08:15:18

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CAMBERWELL VIC 3124

s47F

RE: Reinstating titles Knight/Dame

Dear Tony,

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I am incredulous that you did not appear to put as much thought into your reinstatement of the Knight/Dame title as into other policy initiatives you have instigated. I realise the Titles already existed within our current awards system but note that they had, in my opinion, wisely fallen into disuse. 38 Years of wise disuse! (Even by your respected former leader John Howard).

I am writing to ask whether you would consider reshaping their language and therefore shifting their context. in my view it is inappropriate for a modern country like Australia to have archaic titles like 'Knight' and 'Dame', which squarely belong in the Anglosphere realm. My suggestion is that they be renamed "Highest Companion of the Order of.." "Most Superior Companion of the Order of.." or something similar with less contentious language. In this way the title that now comes with an accompanying title for the spouse would no longer have this 'gifted' title. Again this custom that comes with the reinstatement, is out of touch with modern conventions in Australia.

I respectfully ask that you talk to few more ordinary people, similar to me, so that you can gauge a wider variety of views on this issue. Unfortunately ordinary people will badge you with this 'old fashioned' 'sexist' 'out of touch' label , when until this decision you have given no indication of any basis of truth for this view.

Yours sincerely

s22

01 Apr 14 16:00:54

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MARYBOROUGH QLD 4650

s47F

RE: Malcolm Turnbull

Tony, I was absolutely disgusted to hear Turnbull mocking you in relation to the Knights and Dames issue. I personally cannot fathom why you went down this path, as it only takes the focus off the important issues, and gives your enemies and rivals a hammer to bash you with.

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If I may,

I would also suggest that you consult your colleagues on all matters in future

01 Apr 14 18:20:34

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SURF BEACH NSW 2536

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RE: Dames and Knights

I recently asked via this forum what part of our constitution allows an elected member of parliament to decide that an antiquated English system should be reinstated in Australia? To date I haven't even been given the courtesy of an acknowledgement of my email, let alone a reply

02 Apr 14 20:49:36

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IVANHOE EAST VIC 3079

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RE: New Order of Australia Awards

The decision to introduce (or re-introduce) knights and dames awards in Australia is a regrettable and backward step. The Prime Minister has just devalued the awards in the order of Australia for no reason and has re-introduced titles that hark back to an imperial era. I have been a long-standing supporter of the "conservative" side of politics but this decision by the Prime Minister is sufficiently offensive to cause a rethink of my support. We want Australian political leaders to display a dignity and an assurance derived from what Australia is rather than what we are not. This step by our Prime Minister is demeaning for Australia and needs to be reversed for the future

14 Apr 14 17:53:17

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RE: knighthoods

as a 40 plus years Liberal voter I am even more annoyed by your pdf reply to my amazement at your re instatement of knighthoods and will not vote Liberal again whilst they or you are our PM.

How dare you re instate knighthoods without some sort of public discussion!!

14 Apr 14 23:30:44

s22

Darwin NT 0810

s47F

RE: knighthoods

I love the idea of knights of the commonwealth (not just Australia) but I think they need to be for folks who selflessly sacrificed themselves for others. My father told me of a man who had been turned into a paraplegic by a bull after he had gone to the rescue of a child who had climbed into a cattle yard to play with the cows

15 Apr 14 14:40:50

s22

RUNAWAY BAY QLD 4216

s47F

RE: Knights and Dames

Dear Tony

We s22 were astonished to learn that you have re-implemented such outdated imperial honours as Knights and Dames into the Australian honours system. Can we say that such honours were ok in their day when we were tied to England but are not compatible in the 21st century in Australia with our world standing or indeed with the views and ideals of the Australian population

The hasty awarding of these honours to the last GG and the incoming GG at the time smacks of desperation to present a "done deal" before the electorate woke up to what was happening-no surprises indeed !

We are no longer subservient to Britain and whilst your mother country is held in regard and will continue to be so, there is no need to touch our fore-lock continually but to stand tall as Australians in our own right throughout the world.

We trust that a future government will consign these ridiculous imperial honours to obscurity where they rightly belong.

Regards

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04 Apr 14 16:56:36

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Kooyong VIC 3144

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RE: Restoring English honours System

Prime Minister - I have been s22 and just caught up with the news that you are introducing the old honours system. As one who has for the past two years advocated that you will be one of Australia's finest PMs I am absolutely floored and devastated by this decision. This is such a backward step I find myself now unable to continue my advocacy of your Prime Ministership in the energetic way I have done to date. You need to look forward and to define the future of this nation not its past. Tell me it is not happening

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J.M.W. Turner, England: Richmond Hill, on the Prince
Regent's Birthday, 1819

Dear Prime Minister.

I find the idea of Knights
& Dames in Australia in the
C21 Ludicrous.

Please read Thomas Paine's
pamphlet 'Common Sense'.

Best wishes

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William Turner Book of 30 Postcards - Magna Books

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SANS SOUCI NSW 2219

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RE:

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Whilst writing I believe I must say that I strongly disagree with the reintroduction of Dames and Knights. I read where it cost Australia \$ 100,000 a day to have Prince William and The Duchess visit Australia, a lot of GP visits. Thank you and kind regards

30 Apr 14 14:17:19

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ISABELLA PLAINS ACT 2905

AU

s47F

RE: Australian kights and dames

Dear Prime Minister

I have just become of aware that knights and dames have been re-introduced into Australia, and am writing to ask that you strongly reconsider this.

I am a regular visitor the UK, and strongly believe from my observations and experiences there that the class system has a demeaning effect on the untitled. In conversations with UK residents whilst over there last month, I was proud to boast (incorrectly) that Australia had renounced the bestowing of any such titles as 'Sir' and 'Dame'. In my mind, the deference that such titles engender from those who do not have them goes against the Australian ethos. So to does the fact that such titles tend to be provide priveleged access to everything from corporate board appointments to queue jumping at restaurants. This disadvantages non-titleholders, as the 'branding' provided the title causes people to look no further. This 'branding' issue does not exist under the Order of Australia system.

I submit this as the view of merely one humble Australian who feels incredibly disappointed, and hope that many other like-minded Australians will do the same.

Yours faithfully,

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LUBRA BEND

Yarra Glen
Victoria

The Hon Tony Abbot,

2.4.14

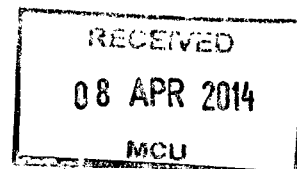
I have written to every Prime Minister of Australia since Sir Robert Menzies (a personal friend of my parents), and all those letters have been of congratulations. This letter is one of disappointment and bewilderment. To bring back honours is un-Australian and exceedingly old fashioned.

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Yours Sincerely

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Yarra Glen, Victoria, 3775 Telephone:

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Facsimile:

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s22 Kilmore, 3764.
Victoria.

2nd April, 2014,

To Whoever opens this letter. It is to the Prime Minister, Mr. Abbott, but I am certain he does not open letters addressed to him.

I am not a serial letter writer. I have written to Mr. Abbott only once but never received a reply, much less an acknowledgment, which is only common courtesy, but politicians are notorious for ignoring letters except when they are chasing votes prior to an election.

I read that Mr Abbott is off yet again overseas next week, so I expect I am wasting my time writing this letter. However, I will take that risk and hope that my letter will be given to him and hope, that he will take the time to read it. Surely he sets a little time aside to read letters from voters.

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Kilmore, 3764.

Victoria.

2nd April, 2014.

The Prime Minister,
Mr. A. Abbott,
C/O Parliament House,
CANBERRA. 2600. A.C.T.

Mr. Abbott,

I was absolutely delighted when Labor was defeated at the last election. So many years of manipulation and mismanagement, so much money absolutely wasted by Gillard and Rudd, and Gillard now living in luxury in another State with her de facto for the rest of their lives. How some people fall on their feet. Tim especially.

I had high hopes when the Liberal Party won Government. And you have chosen well with Mr. Scott Morrison as Immigration Minister.

But why reinstate an Honours system? It is absolutely unnecessary, and as for making Quentin Bryce a Dame, words fail me. This woman is a hypocrite, an avowed republican yet ready and willing to accept the position of Governor General. And now a Dame. Well dame has many meanings and the meaning I give to Bryce, is not the one you intended. Now retired as Governor General, to me she is only Mrs Bryce or whatever her husband's name is, if indeed she uses his name.

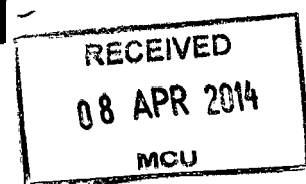
The next election is not a foregone conclusion that the Liberal Party will be returned. It could go either way and reinstating the Honours system will not win you any votes. Keep in mind what happened in South Australia.

While I would never vote Labor, I will have to give serious thought to how I vote in the next election. And I am sure I am not alone in this regard.

I will watch the performance of the Liberal Party with great interest. From what I read, you did not consult your Party before reinstating this antiquated Honours system. That was a mistake. I sincerely hope you don't invite the two royal adulterers out here. Enough that we have William and Kate, plus George, expected here soon. And wasn't it William who was angling to be made Governor General some years back? as was his father, both rejected by Hawke. And rightfully so.

As I have said I had high hopes when the Liberal Party won Government. I am well aware of the debt you inherited and of the many wrongs which have to be righted. I hope you are up to the job.

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27 Apr 14 18:49:27

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CRONULLA NSW 2230

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RE: Commendation on the restoration of the rank of Knight and Dame

The Prime Minister
Mr. Tony Abbott MHR
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Sunday the 27th of April 2014

Dear Prime Minister,

Commendations in the matter of the restoration of the rank of Knight and Dame to the Order of Australia.

I commend you thoroughly on your soundness of thinking and also upon your deft action in the matter of the restoration of the rank of Knights and Dames under the Australian Honours system within the Order of Australia. Your wisdom and right thinking I applaud and the manner in which you moved to restore the rank of Knight and Dame, showing such elegant surety of conviction and such wisdom in timing so much so that there were none that none including myself who saw it coming, I applaud in equal measure. In this matter you have thoroughly excelled.

It is splendid and right and fitting that the rank of Knight and Dame has been restored to the Order of Australia. The restoration of this rank makes once more an honours rank which is recognised instantly by all as the rank of the highest order in our civilian honours system. It is ordered to give honour to those most distinguished in their field of endeavour whatever that may be. The first two appointments, Dame Quentin Bryce and Sir Peter Cosgrove, are most wisely made.

In this matter we now join once more our sister nation, New Zealand, which has in the last 5 years or so seen it proper also to restore this highest honours rank for the recognition of those whose record of service is distinguished. In union with the people of our sister nation, the people of Australia rejoice at the wisdom and the rightness of correcting the aberration of suspension and ordering the restoration of the rank of Knight and Dame within the Order of Australia.

You are so right to say that this is a grace note in our national life.

You might well give further consideration to the restoration of traditional imperial honours for those in military service. Such honours speak to us all in a very profound way and they carry a gravity unmatched.

Prime Minister, we commend you. You know the mind and heart of the people of our nation. In matters of honours and in all things ,we trust you to honour our traditions, defend our nation, and preserve us as a Sovereign people under the Crown.

Yours sincerely,

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Scullin ACT 2614

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RE:

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On another matter, I am amused and somewhat dismayed by your knights/dames frolic and the in the last week, the fawning towards a couple of nice people who are nothing but star celebrities . This is 2014. Even the conservative John Howard says he would never have reverted to the reimposition of knighthoods. Such nonsense.

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I look forward to your reply and change I hope.

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06 May 14 17:57:44

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MERRYLANDS NSW 2160

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RE: Imperial Honours

Dear Prime Minister,

I was delighted by your decision to reintroduce Imperial Honours. The world needs these bits of joyous local colour which serve a purpose and do no harm. From I've read, knighthoods will be a much rarer honour here than they are nowadays in the UK. This is a good thing. Honours systems quickly become debased and meaningless when they're turned into a sort of low brow popularity contest. I know you've no intention of handing honours out by the fist full to "celebrities". One artist who, thought doubtless a celebrity, has in my opinion done enough over the course of her career to bring honour not just on herself but on the country to warrant her being made a Dame is s22. She is probably our finest living actress. If it hadn't been for her, our film industry would be appreciably less significant than it is. I believe she's done at least as much in her field as have the current and previous Governors General in theirs.

I hope this suggestion is looked on favourably.

Yours sincerely,

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04 Apr 14 13:08:47

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NORWOOD SA 5067

AU

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RE: Please be focussed and thoughtful!

I was very happy to see the Liberal Party form government, BUT am getting very worried about recent false steps and distractions.

1) Why the resurrection of British-style honours, apparently without consultation? Friends' reactions are that this shows you as foolishly impulsive or conniving or both

s22

I hope you ensure that you are getting advice from a wide enough circle to help you make wise decisions and stay in touch with the thoughts and wishes of Australians.

Yours sincerely

s22

15 May 14 12:19:49

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CAMBERWELL VIC 3124

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s47F

RE: Knighthoods etc

Dear Prime Minister-thank you for your written reply to my email (Your reference C14/22564 dated 1/5/14). I do believe s22 meets your requirements for a Knighthood, having accepted the position of s22 for several years. His service to his art form is extraordinary and pre-eminent on a world scale and he has brought great honour to his country. Thank you for your attention to this matter