

Hon John Howard OM AC

24 March 2016

PERSONAL

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Michael Jeffery

The former Governor General, Michael Jeffery has approached me regarding a request made to your Government for funding of \$5million over a period of 5 years to support the establishment in the Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House) an Australian Constitution Centre.

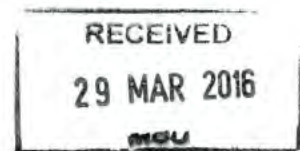
General Jeffery is the Chairman of the Constitution Education Fund of Australia (CEFA) the body which wishes to establish the Centre. The \$5million grant from the Federal Government, if made available, would match an equivalent sum to be raised by CEFA.

I understand that material relating to the proposal has already been submitted to your office. I would be most grateful if sympathetic consideration were given to the proposal.

Yours sincerely

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The Honourable Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia
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4 April 2016

Dear Prime Minister,

Further to our recent discussions on the question of my candidature for the position of Secretary General of the United Nations, and those I've had with the Foreign Minister, I am writing to you formally to request the Australian Government's nomination of me for that position.

As you know, I have been a life-long supporter of the UN. I believe it remains crucial to the continued functioning of the global order. It is therefore central to Australian interests that the UN remain relevant to the core global challenges of peace and security, sustainable economic growth and humanitarian responsibility for the future.

I also believe, however, that the UN system is now in danger of dying the death of a thousand cuts. It has become progressively marginalised from core global decision-making. We have seen this in recent times on Iran, Syria, North Korea, the "European" refugees crisis and Ebola. There is a growing danger that governments around the world are increasingly walking around the UN, rather than supporting its continued centrality to a functioning global order. And more broadly there is a growing deficit in effective global governance in general at a time when the delivery of such governance is needed more than ever before.

I believe I can make a concrete contribution to arresting these developments should I be elected as Secretary General. I have a deep familiarity with the UN system. This is based on our successful campaign for an Australian position on the UN Security Council in 2013-14. It is also based on my recent chairmanship of the Independent Commission on Multilateralism, a two year long review of the UN system against the core question of whether the UN remains fit for purpose for the demands for effective global governance for the 21st century, and if not what practical reforms are necessary to make it so. Furthermore, my periods of service as a career diplomat, Foreign Minister and Prime Minister, as well as working on various UN High Level Panels, also provide relevant professional experience.

As you know, there will be many candidates from the Eastern European and Western European and Others Group of which Australia is a member. I understand eight candidates have already been nominated by their respective governments. These include candidates from both groups, and both male and female. It is therefore impossible to predict the likelihood of success in the case of my own candidature. Nor could any other candidate credibly claim that at this stage they have a high probability of success. This uncertainty is compounded by the vagaries of the election process itself. Nonetheless, based on the informal soundings I have taken so far, I believe there are reasonable grounds for support for my candidature in critical capitals.

You have indicated that you would take this matter to Cabinet after I had notified you formally of my intention to be a candidate. I am conscious of the fact that you will have many competing Cabinet priorities. Therefore the timing of Cabinet deliberation is of course a matter for you. At a practical level, however, for me to run an effective campaign, I would need at least two months before the UN Security Council begins its "straw polls" selection process in July. Which means I would need the government's nomination letter to be lodged with the UN Security Council and General Assembly in April.

Many governments have assembled large teams to run their candidate's campaigns. I do not believe this is necessary. The government would need a single, senior experienced officer, with a support officer, to coordinate the campaign out of our mission in New York. Then it would be a

matter of me campaigning personally in relevant Security Council capitals, and a small number of other capitals, with logistical support from our missions in the field. I would hope to run the most modest campaign structure of all candidates. These campaigns are much smaller in nature than campaigns for Security Council membership, where the support of all 193 member states is sought. In this campaign, the key decision-makers are the 15 members of the Council itself.

As for the public management of the question of my candidature, I would appreciate it if your office, or the FMO, could liaise with either myself, or Kate Sieper on my staff, on how this would best be done.

Thank you for the support you have offered me in our discussions on my candidature. If I succeed, I believe I can do Australia proud. As well as make a strong contribution to sustaining a credible United Nations for the future.

Yours Sincerely

Kevin Rudd

cc The Hon. Julie Bishop, Foreign Minister.

Hon John Howard OM AC

28 June 2017

Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
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Dear Prime Minister

From time to time I receive policy suggestions from people I have known over the years. A fairly recent one related to negative gearing. I am attaching to this letter the substance of the proposal. The earlier part of the letter was of a more personal character. It was sent to me by [REDACTED] s 47F, a consultant to Piper Alderman Solicitors.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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PRIME MINISTER

Reference: MC17-057445

21 JUL 2017

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Dear Mr Howard

Thank you for your personal representations of 28 June 2017 on behalf of **s 47F** proposing that negative gearing should be restricted in order to improve housing affordability for first home buyers.

The Commonwealth Government remains committed to its election policy of not removing or limiting negative gearing, as making such changes would have wide ranging impacts on the economy. It would reduce investor demand, driving down the value of houses which are the most valuable asset for most Australians.

It is worth remembering that negative gearing is not a tax loophole or a tax concession – it is a long-standing feature of our tax system used by around 1.3 million Australians. Almost two thirds of taxpayers who negatively gear their investment properties have a taxable income of \$80,000 or less.

Nonetheless, the Government shares **s 47F** concerns about housing affordability for first home buyers. That is why the Government announced the Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability plan in the 2017-18 Budget.

The Government's plan to reduce pressure on housing affordability is a careful, calibrated and comprehensive response that will improve outcomes across the housing spectrum – from the homeless and those who depend on social housing, to private renters, first home buyers and older Australians looking to downsize. In particular, the Government is taking action to boost the supply of housing, including by making under-utilised and surplus Government land available for housing development.

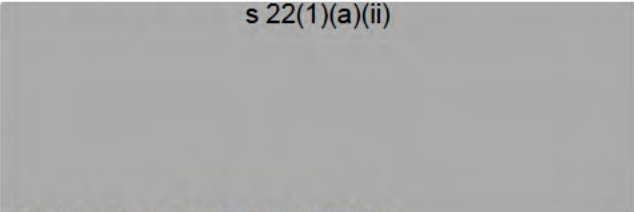
s 47F may be also interested to know that, as part of the plan, the Government is introducing tax incentives to boost investment in affordable housing. From 1 January 2018, the Government will provide a 60 per cent capital gains tax (CGT) discount to resident individuals investing in eligible affordable housing. Additionally, from 1 July 2017, the Government will allow Managed Investment Trusts to acquire, construct or redevelop property to hold as affordable housing.

The Government is also improving housing outcomes by strengthening the CGT rules to reduce the risk that foreign investors avoid paying CGT in Australia and will reform foreign investment rules to discourage investors from leaving their property vacant.

I have attached a fact sheet detailing the housing affordability measures in the 2017-18 Budget. I trust this information will be of assistance to **s 47F**.

Yours sincerely

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MALCOLM TURNBULL



Budget 2017

Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability

A Comprehensive Plan to Address Housing Affordability

The Government is providing housing solutions across the entire housing spectrum – from Australians struggling to put a roof over their head to those in affordable housing, private renters and first home buyers.

Access to secure and affordable housing has significant economic and social benefits. It can improve education and health outcomes, increase workforce participation and reduce welfare dependency.

Improving housing affordability right across the housing spectrum must be a key objective for government at all levels. There is no silver bullet. The response must be well targeted and coordinated.

The Government is delivering a comprehensive housing affordability plan designed to improve outcomes across the housing spectrum.

Overview

The Government is improving Australians' access to secure and affordable housing across the housing spectrum.

Unlocking supply

The Government will ease restrictions that are contributing to the supply of housing falling behind population growth and encouraging a more responsive housing market by:

- working with State and Territory governments to set housing supply targets and facilitate planning and zoning reform under a new National Housing and Homelessness Agreement;
- establishing a \$1 billion National Housing Infrastructure Facility to address infrastructure chokepoints that are impeding housing development in critical areas of undersupply;
- establishing an online Commonwealth land registry that will provide more detailed information about Commonwealth land to external parties in a mapped

format, allowing and encouraging proposals for higher value land use, including housing development proposals;

- releasing suitable surplus Commonwealth land starting with 127 hectares of Defence land in Maribyrnong, which is less than 10 kilometres from the Melbourne CBD and could support up to 6,000 new homes; and
- kick-starting planning and zoning reform across eight local government areas facing above average population growth and affordability pressures in Western Sydney through a new City Deal for Western Sydney.

Creating the right incentives

The Government is taking prudent steps to ensure incentives are better aligned with improving housing outcomes, including:

- assisting first home buyers to build a deposit inside superannuation. Voluntary contributions of up to \$15,000 per year and \$30,000 in total

will attract concessional tax treatment under the First Home Super Saver Scheme. The scheme commences on 1 July 2017, and contributions and deemed earnings, net of tax, can be withdrawn from 1 July 2018;

- allowing older Australians to contribute downsizing proceeds into superannuation. From 1 July 2018, individuals aged 65 and over will be able to make a non-concessional contribution of up to \$300,000 in proceeds from the sale of a principal residence, held for at least 10 years, into their superannuation. These new contributions will be in addition to any other voluntary contributions that people are able to make under the existing contribution rules and concessional and non-concessional caps;
- strengthening the capital gains tax (CGT) rules to reduce the risk that foreign investors avoid paying CGT in Australia, including by no longer allowing foreign or temporary tax residents to claim the main residence CGT exemption, and by expanding the scope of the CGT withholding system for foreign residents;
- safeguarding the opportunity for Australian buyers to purchase in new developments by introducing a 50 per cent cap on pre-approved foreign ownership in new developments; and
- encouraging foreign owners of residential real estate to rent their properties out by applying an annual charge of at least \$5,000 (reflecting the original application fee) to foreign owners who leave their properties unoccupied or not available for rent for 6 months or more each year.

Improving outcomes for those most in need

The Government will improve outcomes in social housing and homelessness by:

- working with State and Territory governments to reform Commonwealth funding arrangements under a new National Housing and Homelessness Agreement, retaining current funding and indexation arrangements but requiring concrete outcomes;
- providing additional funding of \$375 million over three years as part of the new National Housing and Homelessness Agreement to fund front line services to address homelessness;
- encouraging social impact investing to support innovative approaches to reduce homelessness;
- incentivising more private investment in affordable housing through tax incentives; and
- establishing the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation to operate an affordable housing bond aggregator to provide cheaper and longer-term finance for the community housing sector.

For more information on measures and initiatives in the Government's Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability plan, see related factsheets:

Fact sheet 1.1: A Comprehensive Plan to Address Housing Affordability

Fact sheet 1.2: National Housing Infrastructure Facility

Fact sheet 1.3: Unlocking Commonwealth land

Fact sheet 1.4: First Home Super Saver Scheme

Fact sheet 1.5: Reducing barriers to downsizing

Fact sheet 1.6: Stronger rules for foreign investors owning Australian housing

Fact sheet 1.7: A new National Housing and Homelessness Agreement

Fact sheet 1.8: Establishing the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation

Fact sheet 1.9: Encouraging Social Impact Investing

Fact sheet 1.10: Boosting affordable housing for Australians through investment tax incentives

Fact sheet 1.11: Housing package for Western Sydney

A comprehensive housing affordability plan for all Australians

Unlocking supply

The Government has a comprehensive and targeted plan that will improve outcomes across the housing spectrum.

- Investing in cities through City Deals, including in Western Sydney
- Releasing suitable Commonwealth land, starting with 127 hectares of surplus Defence land in Melbourne
- Developing a public and online Commonwealth land registry

- A new National Housing and Homelessness Agreement linked to outcomes including aggregate housing supply targets
- Encouraging planning and zoning reforms
- Establishing the \$1 billion National Housing Infrastructure Facility



Crisis

In 2015-16, over a quarter of a million people were assisted by specialist homelessness agencies

Improving outcomes for those most in need

A new \$4.6 billion National Housing and Homelessness Agreement including \$375 million of new funding for homelessness

Funding Social Impact Investing



- Establishing the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation
- Increasing the capital gains tax discount to 60 per cent for individual investors in affordable housing
- Encouraging investment in affordable housing by Managed Investment Trusts
- Strengthening the regulation of community housing providers nationally
- Supporting The Big Issue's Homes for Homes initiative



As at 30 June 2016, there were almost 200,000 households on social housing waiting lists

Affordable Rental

The most recent figures show that there is a shortage of 271,000 affordable and available homes for low income households

Private Rental



The number of low income households experiencing rental stress has increased from 43 to 54 per cent in Greater Sydney and 37 to 45 per cent in Greater Melbourne, between 2007-08 and 2013-14

Assisted Home Ownership

The average number of years to save for a deposit on a house has increased from 5 to 8 years in Sydney, and from 4 to 6 years in Melbourne over the last decade.



Home Ownership

Creating the right incentives

- Developing standard long-term leases
- Introducing an annual tax on foreign owners of vacant residential properties

- Promoting rent-to-buy and shared equity schemes



- Allowing first home buyers to build deposits within superannuation through voluntary contributions
- Reducing barriers to downsizing to free up larger homes for families
- Improving the integrity of capital gains tax rules for foreign investors
- Limiting foreign investment approvals in new developments
- Encouraging new housing that is offered exclusively to first home buyers

The Hon Julia Gillard AC
27th Prime Minister of Australia

10 January 2018

Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia
PO Box 6022
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AUSTRALIA

Dear Prime Minister Turnbull,

I am writing on behalf of two organisations, which I have the privilege to Chair.

First, on behalf of *beyondblue*, I write to thank you for your government's announcement of a two-year funding extension of the National Education Initiative. Now at a total investment of \$110 million, I am confident this program will be key to nurturing the next generation and ensuring they emerge into adulthood mentally healthy and resilient in the face of life's challenges. I look forward to continuing to work productively with Minister Hunt on mental health policy.

Second, I am writing to ask for your support for the Global Partnership for Education (GPE).

I trust that you would have received the Letter of Invitation from President Emmanuel Macron of France, and President Macky Sall of Senegal, requesting Australia's participation in and contribution to the GPE's Third Financing Conference to be held in Dakar, Senegal, from February 1-2, 2018.

This is a landmark event to help the world realize our shared commitment to a quality education for every child. Already, GPE has received confirmation from several Heads of State, including from other G20 countries, that they will attend the conference and step up their financial commitments to the Partnership. I also expect a number of new donors to join the Partnership at this event.

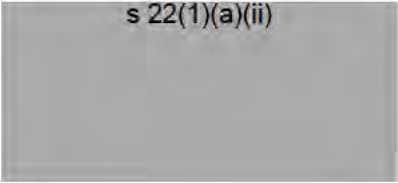
Australia is an important and longstanding partner of GPE. Our strategic objectives closely align with Australia's foreign policy priorities. With Australia's support, GPE has a strong and growing presence in the Indo-Pacific, complementing and enhancing bilateral investments in the region. In addition, GPE has embraced financial innovation and much of the work on our new framework was led by Australia. We are also engaging in strong outreach to the private sector and anticipate being able to make some a major announcement on their involvement in Dakar.

We value our close partnership and hope to see an announcement of a contribution of AU\$200 million in Dakar, which will maintain Australia's position as a top-ten donor of GPE. As other donors prepare to demonstrate confidence in GPE and contribute to our growth, we look forward to Australia maintaining its influential and valued role.

In conclusion, let me take this opportunity to wish you a happy new year. I hope the Christmas season did give you some respite from the rigours of office and the opportunity to relax with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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Patron: His Excellency General the Honourable
Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)

14 January 2019

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
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Dear Prime Minister

Beyond Blue in late 2018 released the findings of *Answering the call*, a landmark survey conducted as part of our National Mental Health and Wellbeing Study of Police and Emergency Services. I am pleased to enclose the executive summary report. The full research reports are available at www.beyondblue.org.au/pesresearch.

Answering the call provides, for the first time, Australia wide baseline measures and insights into the issues affecting the mental health, wellbeing and suicide risk of police and emergency services personnel. Over 21,000 current and former employees and volunteers from 33 of the 36 police and emergency service agencies participated, making this a truly nationally representative study. The research was commissioned and funded by Beyond Blue, together with a funding contribution from the Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre. The University of Western Australia led the research, in partnership with Roy Morgan Research.

The findings are confronting. The research confirms that police and emergency services personnel have higher rates of psychological distress, of diagnosis of mental health conditions and of suicidal thinking and planning than the general population in Australia. It also shows high levels of self-stigma and alcohol consumption and that workers' compensation process are viewed as unsupportive and stressful and have a negative impact on recovery. Interestingly, the study found that poor workplace practices and culture are just as debilitating as exposure to trauma.

As you will read in the executive summary report, Beyond Blue has analysed the findings and made independent recommendations at both national and agency workplace levels. We will now turn our focus to supporting the sector to translate the findings into action.

We believe a nationally coordinated approach – led by the Commonwealth – to respond to the findings will lead to better outcomes for individuals and families, with results achieved more quickly and with less duplication. We have also recommended a national centre of excellence for police and emergency services mental health to act as a hub of proven and emerging best practice and outcomes; that reforms to workers' compensation are driven by a review of current practices and best-case solutions; and that a scheme to support post-service employees and retirees is imperative.

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We look forward to supporting your government and police and emergency services agencies to respond to the findings. For further information please contact Patrice O'Brien, General Manager Workplace, Partnerships & Engagement on s 47F or email s 47F

Yours sincerely

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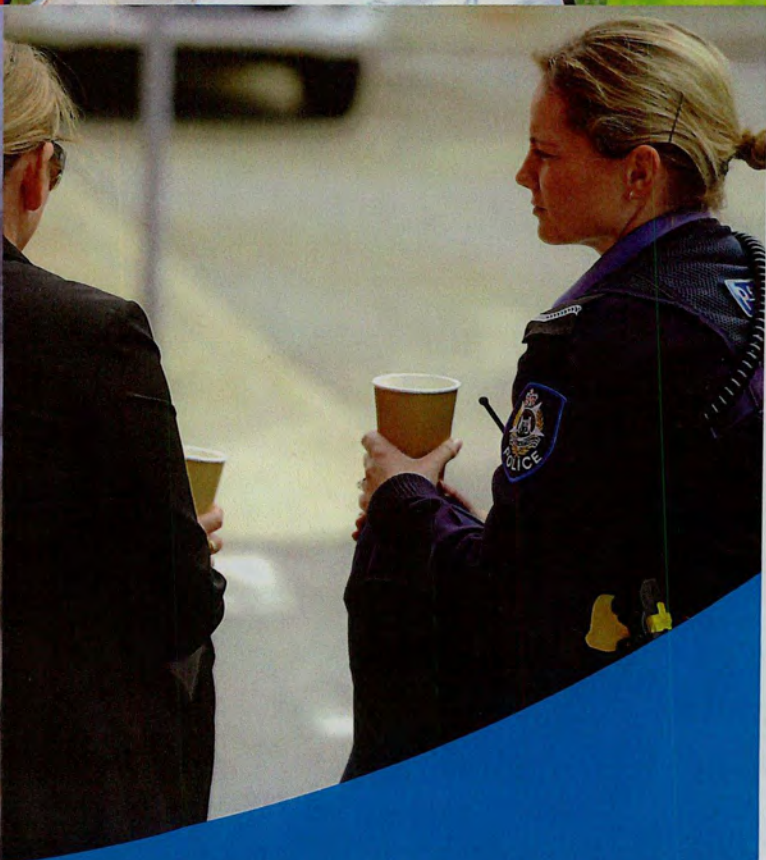
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Answering the call national survey



Beyond Blue's National Mental Health and Wellbeing Study
of Police and Emergency Services – Executive summary





Patron: His Excellency General the Honourable
Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)

29 May 2019

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear ~~Prime~~ Minister *Scott*

On behalf of the Beyond Blue Board and staff, congratulations on your re-election as Prime Minister of Australia.

Beyond Blue has been delighted to see your Government's agenda to improve the mental health of all Australians and prevent suicide. We have also appreciated your own personal commitment to mental health and suicide prevention, including the emphasis you gave to the issue in the Federal election campaign, and in announcing your new Ministry. In particular, we look forward to continuing to work with your Health Minister, The Hon Greg Hunt MP, who is a passionate advocate for better outcomes.

Beyond Blue, in addition to our core work, looks forward to continuing to work with your Government on the implementation of two signature Commonwealth-funded initiatives. We are rolling out the expansion of The Way Back Support Service, funded in the 2018 Budget. The Way Back is a community-based aftercare service for people discharged from hospital following a suicide attempt or suicidal crisis. We also continue to implement 'Be You', the national mental health in education initiative, that aims to equip all Australian early learning services and schools with the skills and strategies they need to ensure that every child, young person and educator can achieve their best possible mental health. Launched last November, already over 2,200 early learning services and over 4,100 primary and secondary schools have registered to become Be You learning communities; more than 52,000 individuals have signed up for the accredited professional development; and over 30,000 professional development modules have been completed.

We have also been encouraged by your Government's establishment of a Productivity Commission Inquiry on Mental Health, which has the potential to inform fundamental structural reform at all levels of the nation's mental health system. This could have a major impact in improving the mental health of millions of Australians, while helping to drive greater national prosperity through increased productivity and participation. Beyond Blue has been engaging closely with the Commissioners and made a written submission to the Inquiry.

Best wishes with your critical role stewarding the future of the nation.

Yours sincerely,
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Chair, Beyond Blue

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PRIME MINISTER

Reference: MC19-034809

26 JUN 2019

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Dear Ms Gillard

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison', written over the 'Dear Ms Gillard' text.

Thank you for your letter dated 29 May 2019 regarding Beyond Blue's continued efforts to improve the mental wellbeing of Australians and for your kind words of congratulations.

My Government wants all Australians to know they matter and they are not alone on their journey through life. That's why I am proud we've been able to partner with Beyond Blue to deliver services like Be You and The Way Back Support Service that help Australians in need get back on their feet.

As you are aware, during my previous term and the election campaign I made clear my Government's focus on mental health. I am committed to delivering our \$736.6 million investment to strengthen essential mental health services, including our \$503.1 million Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan. I will also do everything I can to ensure Australians are connected to those services, and that those services are in the places and are delivered in a way that can make a difference.

Thank you again for your commitment to improving the lives of all Australians and your encouragement. I look forward to continuing our work with Beyond Blue to ensure every Australian can get the support they need.

Yours sincerely

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SCOTT MORRISON



THE HONOURABLE KEVIN RUDD AC

26th Prime Minister of Australia

20 November 2020

Dear Prime Minister Morrison,

You may be aware of a petition tabled in the House of Representatives last week, calling for a Royal Commission to ensure a strong, diverse news media to underpin the future of Australia's democracy.

The petition garnered more than 500,000 signatures in only four weeks, making it the single largest electronic petition ever submitted to the Australian Parliament.

The petition, known formally as EN1938, read:

Our democracy depends on diverse sources of reliable, accurate and independent news. But media ownership is becoming more concentrated alongside new business models that encourage deliberately polarising and politically manipulated news.

We are especially concerned that Australia's print media is overwhelmingly controlled by News Corporation, founded by Fox News billionaire Rupert Murdoch, with around two-thirds of daily newspaper readership. This power is routinely used to attack opponents in business and politics by blending editorial opinion with news reporting. Australians who hold contrary views have felt intimidated into silence. These facts chill free speech and undermine public debate. Powerful monopolies are also emerging online, including Facebook and Google.

We are deeply concerned by: mass-sackings of news journalists; digital platforms impacting on media diversity and viability; Nine Entertainment's takeover of the Melbourne Age and Sydney Morning Herald; News Corp's acquisition (and then closure) of more than 200 smaller newspapers, undermining regional and local news; attempts to replace AAP Newswire with News Corp's alternative; and relentless attacks on the ABC's independence and funding. Professional journalists further have legitimate concerns around unjust searches, potential prosecution, whistle-blower protection, official secrecy and dispute resolution that should be comprehensively addressed.

Only a Royal Commission would have the powers and independence to investigate threats to media diversity, and recommend policies to ensure optimal diversity across all platforms to help guarantee our nation's democratic future.

We therefore ask the House to support the establishment of such a Royal Commission to ensure the strength and diversity of Australian news media.

This is a pivotal time for our democracy. How we respond to these emerging challenges will determine whether Australians can depend on a thriving, diverse media to hold public officials to account. It will also determine whether future citizens can rely on factual and accurate reporting, separated from the opinion of editors and publishers, on which to make informed voting decisions.

Given the clear and widespread support for this initiative across Australia, I would appreciate your views on constituting a commission of inquiry into the future of media diversity, as respectfully requested by these half-million petitioners.

Yours sincerely

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Kevin Rudd



THE HONOURABLE KEVIN RUDD AC

26th Prime Minister of Australia

27 January 2021

Hon. Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister
PO Box 6022
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Via email: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Dear Prime Minister Morrison,

I am pleased to read that the Therapeutic Goods Administration has provisionally approved the Pfizer vaccine for Covid-19, the first such vaccine to clear regulatory approvals. The successful rollout of this vaccine will be important to Australia's social and economic recovery.

As you may be aware, the *Saturday Telegraph* reported on 12 December last year that several former prime ministers, myself included, had agreed to be vaccinated "as soon as it is available" and release footage to demonstrate to Australians at large that they had nothing to fear from the jab. Mr Howard, Ms Gillard, Mr Abbott and Mr Turnbull were also quoted. I did not instigate this article and, given the *Telegraph's* notorious unreliability, I thought it best to clarify my position with you directly.

I can imagine how Australians seeing former prime ministers from both parties being vaccinated early could help to inspire public confidence. I understand that former US presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have volunteered to do the same. I am therefore prepared to be vaccinated early in the rollout and the release footage if you and our public health authorities deem that to be useful.

However, I will only do this if your expert advisers recommend it as an appropriate use of the vaccine given supply constraints. I have not the slightest intention of being accused of jumping any queue, and I'm just as happy to take my turn based on the normal assessment of vaccination priorities across age groups.

If I may be of any further assistance, I invite you to contact me directly. Alternatively, your advisers may contact s 22(1)(a)(ii) in my office on s 22(1)(a)(ii) or s 22(1)(a)(ii).

Yours sincerely,
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Hon. Kevin Rudd AC



The Honourable Kevin Rudd AC
26th Prime Minister of Australia

Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House, Canberra
Email: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

30 June 2021

Dear Prime Minister Morrison,

As I mentioned to you earlier today, I had a scheduled call with Albert Bourla, Chairman and Chief Executive of Pfizer, Inc.

I used the call as an opportunity to congratulate Pfizer on their outstanding research and development and their success in producing so early a world-class COVID-19 vaccine. We also discussed Pfizer's current challenges and the political pressures they face around the world for an intellectual property waiver to expedite the supply of vaccines to developing countries. We follow these debates closely through our think tank operations in Washington – and Pfizer's ongoing negotiations with the United States Trade Representative.

I also used the call as an opportunity to ask Dr Bourla whether there was any possible way, given Pfizer's current international contractual obligations, to advance the dispatch of significant quantities of the Pfizer vaccine to Australia as early as possible in the third quarter this year. My understanding was that there were current contractual arrangements with the Australian Government to deliver a total 40 million doses by the end of 2021. I did so not as a representative of the Australian Government, but purely in my private capacity as an Australian citizen who cares for his country's wellbeing.

Dr Bourla indicated that they had limited flexibility because of their existing supply obligations around the world. Nonetheless, he also indicated that a number of their manufacturing facilities were producing ahead of schedule. In response to my representations, Dr Bourla said he would personally look at "what further might be able to be done". I thanked Dr Bourla for that.

Dr Bourla indicated that, if it became physically possible to bring forward delivery, he would require a further formal contractual request from the Australian Government to that effect. I replied that that was understandable. I added, of course, that would be a matter for the Australian Government and that I would pass this on to you.

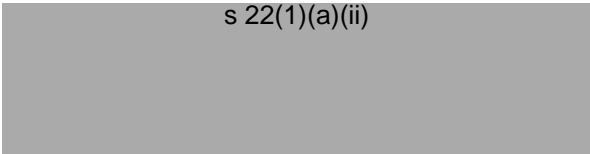
Speaking on my own initiative, I floated the possibility of Australia perhaps seeking a large-scale advance order of Pfizer's 2022 vaccine "booster" which, from what I have read, is still under development. I speculated that it might perhaps be possible for the Australian Government to consider a commercial offer for the 2022 booster that would also incorporate a bringing-forward of the current order for the 2021 vaccine into the early part of the third quarter of this year.

Once again, I emphasised to Dr Bourla that this was speculation on my own part, rather than me acting in any way on behalf of the Australian Government.

As Dr Bourla lives in New York, we also agreed to catch up when I return there later this year.

Yours sincerely,

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22 December 2021

Prime Minister Hon Scott Morrison MP
via Chief of Staff John Kunkel
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Dear Prime Minister,

As you may be aware, in April this year I became the chair of Wellcome, which is a global charitable foundation, supporting science to solve the urgent health challenges facing everyone. Under our new strategy we're taking on three worldwide health challenges: mental health, infectious disease and climate. For example to address the ongoing pandemic, Wellcome has been sharing our experience on infectious disease and has pledged up to \$180 million to advance research.

Like the Australian Government, Wellcome has been a long-term supporter of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and I write to you now about the need to ensure CEPI is properly resourced.

We are at a critical juncture in the pandemic. Unfortunately, the emergence of Omicron has reminded us that ensuring vaccines are available and accessible is not just the right thing to do, but it is also the only way to keep us safe and to truly put the pandemic behind us.

As you will know, CEPI was originally established in 2017 following the West African Ebola epidemic, which established the consensus that coordinated, international and intergovernmental action was needed to develop and deploy new vaccines to prevent future epidemics. As you may also be aware, Jane Halton, recently serving on Australia's National Covid Commission and before that in a number of senior roles in the Australian Public Service, is CEPI's current chair.

While Ebola made the case for CEPI, COVID-19 has demonstrated its proof of concept. When the virus emerged in January 2020, CEPI moved quickly and urgently to accelerate vaccine development. CEPI announced its first COVID-19 vaccine partnerships on 23 January 2020 when there were just 581 confirmed cases of coronavirus globally. They have since invested in a diverse portfolio of 14 vaccine candidates to maximise their chances of success. This includes funding the innovative 'molecular clamp' candidate from the University of Queensland, in a partnering agreement worth 14.7 million AUD.

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CEPI has a six-point plan to accelerate the end of COVID-19 while protecting the world from future pandemics. This plan needs \$3.5bn, an ambitious figure, but one that's set against the millions of lives claimed by COVID-19 and the trillions of dollars it is costing the world economy.

The replenishment of CEPI takes place at the start of next year. Wellcome will continue to fund this important organisation as one of its co-founders. The replenishment presents a unique opportunity for your Government to build on its previous support for CEPI, and all it has achieved to date. Acting now will protect Australian citizens from COVID-19 variants and additional future emerging infectious diseases.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss any of the points above with you, or to have relevant members of your team meet with our Head of Global Government Relations, Will Hall s 47F.

Yours sincerely,
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Julia Gillard
Chair



PRIME MINISTER

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The Hon Julia Gillard AC
Chair
Wellcome Trust
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Dear Ms Gillard

Thank you for your letter of 22 December 2021 regarding Wellcome's support for the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

As the pandemic continues, there is no higher priority for all countries than access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. Australia is no different. We are doing our part to build resilience against future pandemics and support equitable access of vaccines both on the domestic front and worldwide.

I am heartened to hear about your work as the Chair of Wellcome in supporting science to solve urgent health challenges that affect all of us across the globe. The Australian Government shares Wellcome and CEPI's commitment to addressing the ongoing pandemic.

To date, the Government has committed \$433 million to COVID-19 research and development efforts. This includes \$130 million from the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) to fund vaccines and treatments for COVID-19, as well as funding for other vital initiatives such as \$12 million for the CEPI under the Indo-Pacific Health Security Initiative.

In addition, the Government also pledged to provide \$380 million to Gavi to support equitable access to vaccines in developing countries. This is in addition to a commitment of \$130 million to the Gavi COVAX Advance Market Commitment, a global initiative that supports developing countries to purchase COVID-19 vaccines.

Australia is committed to help lift COVID-19 vaccination rates globally. We have committed to sharing 60 million COVID-19 vaccine doses with countries in Southeast Asia and the Pacific by the end of 2022. To date, we have shared over 18 million of these doses with our neighbours.

The Government highly values CEPI's work in global pandemic preparedness and we look forward to considering how to best support CEPI's 2022-2026 investment strategy. To this end, I have provided a copy of this correspondence to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Greg Hunt MP, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon Marise Payne, for their consideration.

Thank you again for writing to me on this important matter.

Yours sincerely

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Patron: His Excellency General
The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)

3 June 2022

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
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Dear Prime Minister

I write on behalf of the Beyond Blue Board and team to congratulate you on your appointment as the 31st Prime Minister of Australia. Beyond Blue looks forward to continuing to work closely with your Government to support the mental health and wellbeing of the community and prevent suicide.

We welcome your election commitments to strengthen Medicare, improve regional access to psychiatric telehealth services and boost the clinical workforce, and to support the wellbeing of students and veterans. Many of your broader social and economic policies, including investments in social housing, childcare, employment and First Nations people's health and recognition, will also build mentally healthier communities, given the profound influence of social determinants on mental health.

The election of the Albanese Government provides a renewed opportunity to achieve the successful implementation of current mental health and suicide prevention initiatives and work towards genuine system reform. We see the following as particularly critical:

1. The effective design and roll out of the universal suicide aftercare measure with States and Territories, including through the development of nationally consistent features and performance standards.
2. Leveraging strong sector capability and trusted brands to deliver a national digital mental health ecosystem that provides person-centred assessment, referral, and navigation to support.
3. Investing in future generations' wellbeing by funding the implementation of the National Children's Mental Health Strategy and fostering mentally healthy learning environments through the national mental health in education initiative, Be You.
4. Increasing investment in prevention of mental ill-health, promotion of wellbeing and greater mental health equity.

I and Beyond Blue CEO, Georgie Harman, would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your convenience, either in person or virtually, to discuss how Beyond Blue can support you and your team.

Yours sincerely

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The Hon Julia Gillard AC
Chair, Beyond Blue

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June 28, 2022

The Honorable Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister
Canberra
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Your Excellency:

On the occasion of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly, it is our honor to invite you to deliver an address in September in person in our New York headquarters. Alternatively, we can make arrangements for you to deliver your remarks virtually via our global online platform if you will not attend the UN General Assembly in person.

Asia Society has a long and deep tradition of welcoming Asia's leaders to our global stage; for more than six decades we have hosted heads of state and cabinet officials from around the world. In recent years, this group has included presidents and prime ministers from across Asia, U.N. Secretaries General, and top U.S. officials engaged in policy towards Asia. Our hosts for these events include myself as the Asia Society President, Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI) Vice Presidents and former senior U.S. officials Wendy Cutler and Daniel Russel, and members of our global Board of Trustees.

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Your thoughts and remarks will resonate deeply with our global audience, which includes senior business leaders, diplomats and current and former officials, experts and academics, journalists, young leaders, and students, among others. We are flexible in terms of the nature and timing of a virtual event and will work with your team to design the topic, timing, and format. And if you are in New York during the General Assembly, we would be happy to welcome you in person.

To reply to this invitation, or should you have any questions, please contact John Hwang at s 47F or by phone at s 47F.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to your positive response.

Respectfully,
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The Hon. Kevin Rudd AC
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The Honourable Kevin Rudd AC

26th Prime Minister of Australia

Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of Australia
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16 August 2022

Dear Prime Minister,

Congratulations on the early success of your government and, in particular, your vigorous pursuit of long-delayed constitutional recognition of our First Australians. The constitutional amendments and referendum question outlined in your speech to the Garma Festival represent, in my view, an elegant, substantial and responsible proposal to begin implementing the Uluru Statement from the Heart after so many years of conservative paralysis.

I was pleased to write recently for the Sydney Morning Herald in endorsement of this proposal and was grateful for the assistance rendered to my staff by both the Prime Minister's Office and the Office of Minister Burney in terms of the policy background.

During discussions with Minister Burney's Office, a question was raised about the government's planning around next year's fifteenth anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples on Monday 13 February. Minister Burney's adviser expected the government would also formally mark the anniversary in some manner, but the details had not yet been worked out.

My usual practice as Co-Chair of the National Apology Foundation is to convene with survivors of the Stolen Generations at the annual National Apology Breakfast hosted by Message Stick. Given the 15-year milestone, Message Stick are planning an additional event in Canberra in addition to their usual event at New South Wales Parliament House. This is one of several invitations already received by my office, and expect more over the coming months.

Given the government's ambitious policy agenda, I understand there are matters that deserve more immediate attention. I have therefore instructed my office to reserve Monday 13 February for whatever function the government considers most useful to advance the cause of national reconciliation. I have appointed s 22(1)(a)(ii) in my Brisbane office to liaise with the government on my behalf regarding these arrangements.

Another matter discussed with Minister Burney's Office was the Apology anniversary's bearing on the Closing the Gap Report which were historically linked until last year when Mr Morrison decided the report would henceforth be delivered mid-year. Mr Morrison did this over the objections of Pat Turner and the Coalition of Peaks who preferred to keep this link.

As you may recall, the Prime Minister's annual report on Closing the Gap was linked to the anniversary of the Apology for good reason. The Apology was not merely an admission of past injustices, but a commitment by the Australian Parliament on behalf of the Australian people to redress those wrongs. The linkage between the Apology and Closing the Gap ensures that future governments feel the weight of this commitment when they account for their government's record on bringing it to life.

In my analysis, Mr Morrison's decision was calculated to achieve four political outcomes:

- Making it easier for future conservative governments to cut Indigenous programs by putting as much distance as possible between the Closing the Gap Report and the May budget process;
- Reducing the moral burden on future conservative governments to close the gap by reframing it as an exercise in positive generosity, rather than rightful restitution;
- Appeasing the Coalition's conservative base, which still denies our history, by divorcing efforts to close the gap from the practices that created and entrenched the gap; and
- Gaining political advantage for the Coalition by fraudulently depicting the Labor Party's record as mere left-wing symbolism, as opposed to substantive right-wing practicality (as evidenced by the Morrison Government excising mentions of the Apology from official documents).

Since no Closing the Gap Report was delivered in February 2022, it is right and proper to deliver it on the schedule established by Mr Morrison. However, should this persist beyond 2022, it will become entrenched to the detriment of Closing the Gap. I discussed this with Pat Turner yesterday, and we are jointly of the opinion that Closing the Gap should be restored to align with the anniversary of the Apology.

Yours sincerely,

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Kevin Rudd

cc: Linda Burney, Pat Turner, Glyn Davis



PRIME MINISTER
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Reference: MC22-059682

8 SEP 2022

The Hon Kevin Rudd AC
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Dear Mr Rudd

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin".

Thank you for your letter of 16 August 2022 and message of congratulations. I am grateful to have received many warm greetings following my election as the 31st Prime Minister of Australia. It is a profound honour and a great responsibility to serve the Australian people.

Thank you for your contribution to the public conversation on the Uluru Statement of the Heart. As you are aware, it is my view that enshrining a First Nations Voice to Parliament in the Australian Constitution would enrich our entire nation, recognising the great privilege that we have sharing a continent with the oldest continuous civilisation on earth. As such, the implementation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full is one of my Government's key priorities and we are committed to reconciliation and working in genuine partnership with First Nations people for better outcomes.

I thank you for your courage and leadership when you were Prime Minister in committing to and delivering the National Apology. This was a historic moment that paved our journey towards reconciliation and healing for First Nations people. It is fitting that it will be my Government who, in partnership with First Nations people, implements the Uluru Statement from the Heart given the strong foundation you made in delivering the National Apology.

I also greatly appreciate you making yourself available to mark the 15-year anniversary of the National Apology (the Anniversary). The National Indigenous Australians Agency will be leading the planning of the Government's arrangements to mark this significant event. I have asked the Hon Linda Burney MP, the Minister for Indigenous Australians, to liaise with you as appropriate to confirm arrangements.

More than two years have passed since the Closing the Gap Partnership Agreement and the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (National Agreement) were established. At that time, all governments committed to a new era of working in genuine partnership with First Nations people and enabling shared decision making at a national level. Whilst there has been progress since the first Closing the Gap framework established under the National Indigenous Reform Agreement in 2008, there is much work to be done.

The Commonwealth has not released an Annual Report since the National Agreement on Closing the Gap was signed. Given this, I intend to formally table an Annual Report on progress later this year. The Report will note where progress has been stalled under the previous Government and where there is a need for greater ambition and progress.

I agree with your suggestion and that of the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations (Coalition of Peaks) that it is important to again link the release of Annual Report and the Closing the Gap Commonwealth Implementation Plan (Implementation Plan) with the Anniversary. As you note, this will demonstrate that the Government is truly committed to righting past wrongs.

Next year, we intend to release the update to the Implementation Plan to coincide with the Anniversary. From 2024, we intend to release the Annual Report and updates to the Implementation Plan to be linked with the Anniversary. I also commit to ensuring that decisions relating to the timing for the release and update of these documents are made in partnership with the Coalition of Peaks.

I look forward to continuing the work that you commenced, in genuine partnership with First Nations people, to achieve meaningful and practical outcomes and working with you to deliver the Government's First Nations reform agenda.

I have included the Minister for Indigenous Australians, in my response.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

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The Honourable Kevin Rudd AC

26th Prime Minister of Australia

Hon Anthony Albanese MP
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23 August 2022

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter inviting me to join you at the State Funeral for former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan next month.

Mr Abe was indeed a remarkable leader. He was, in my view, the most consequential leader of his country since the Second World War. Throughout his long career, he moved the dial through sheer personality, political will and policy creativity. He was also a valued friend of Australia. Mr Abe's death was tragic and a sober reminder to all of us who treasure our open and democratic societies of just how precious our freedoms are.

While I will be unable to join you in Tokyo, I wish you well as you lead the Australian delegation on this important mission of solidarity with the government and people of Japan in their time of national mourning.

Yours sincerely,

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Kevin Rudd