



Leader of the Opposition

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

Dear Prime Minister

I write to follow up on my conversation with you today and on the briefing my Labor front bench colleagues and I received yesterday.

Labor welcomes the new AUKUS security arrangement and we have also accepted the Government's latest advice that nuclear-powered submarines are now the best option for Australia's future security. In saying this, I note your public commitments ruling out the acquisition of nuclear weapons, that Australia would continue to abide by our nuclear non-proliferation obligations, and that the submarine deal would not lead to a domestic civil nuclear industry. Labor's ongoing support for nuclear-powered submarines is contingent on these commitments continuing to hold.

We continue to have many questions about the details of the AUKUS arrangement and how precisely such a significant change in submarine capability will be rolled out. These are both major commitments that will bind future Australian governments for decades to come and they come very close to a Federal election. Given that the Government's announcements represent a direct contradiction of public statements made for a number of years, it is important that there be consistency moving forward.

As the bulk of implementation will most likely take place during the term of the next Government, I propose that a bipartisan process be established through which we can work together to ensure continuity of commitment for these major decisions irrespective of which party is in government.

As I indicated to you, I believe a structure to ensure bipartisan involvement is critical. This could be established immediately, and I would commit to maintain it if Labor forms government after the next election.

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I am firmly of the view that a bipartisan initiative such as this would send a very strong signal to all Australians and to the wider region that our parties are deeply committed to defending Australia's national interests and values.

I look forward to your positive response to this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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✓ The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Leader of the Opposition

16 September 2021

Reference: MC21-110563

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I will ask officials to ensure the Opposition is briefed regularly as work progresses.

Once again, I thank you for the bipartisan approach the Opposition has taken in this vital national endeavour.

Yours sincerely

SCOTT MORRISON

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