

PRIME MINISTER The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

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Your Excellency Kevin,

I write to thank you, Thérèse and your team at the Embassy for the outstanding support in facilitating my recent visit to Washington DC.

My strategic conversations with President Biden, members of Congress and senior members of the Administration were a valuable opportunity to progress a broad range of issues, and reiterate the importance of building an alliance for the future.

The ambitious visit outcomes – progress on climate and critical minerals, new cooperation in the Pacific and enhancing our science and technology cooperation – are important for both Australia's security, and ensuring that we are in a strong position to benefit as we move to a clean energy global economy. It's a testament to the work of the Embassy team that we were able to deliver these outcomes for the Australian people.

I was also pleased to officially open the new Australian Embassy in Washington DC, which I hope will be a strong symbol of Australia's enduring presence in the United States. It was a pleasure to meet with Embassy staff and their families at this event.

Thank you again for the terrific support and warm hospitality during my visit. I look forward to seeing you again soon in San Francisco.

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

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