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Ms Fiona Patten
MLC for Northern Metropolitan
Parliament House
Spring Street
East Melbourne Victoria 3002

Dear Ms Patten

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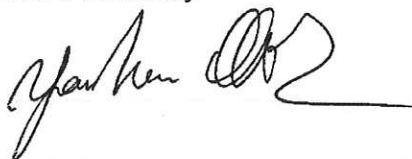
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Yours sincerely



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Hon Daniel Andrews
State Member for Mulgrave
Parliament House
Spring Street
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Dear Premier

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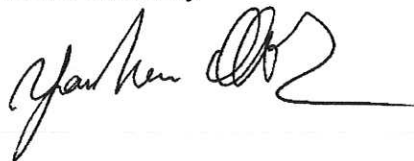
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State Member for Bendigo East
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State Member for Brighton
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State Member for Pascoe Vale
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Hon Lily D'Ambrosio
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Cr Youhorn Chea
Mayor



13 March 2018

Hon Philip Dalidakis
MLC for Southern Metropolitan
Parliament House
Spring Street
East Melbourne Victoria 3002

Dear Mr Dalidakis

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Hon Richard Dalla-Riva
MLC for Eastern Metropolitan
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Dear Mr Dalla-Rova

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Hon David Davis
MLC for Southern Metropolitan
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Mr Steve Dimopoulos
State Member for Oakleigh
Parliament House
Spring Street
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Hon Martin Dixon
State Member for Nepean
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State Member for Narre Warren North
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State Member for Frankston
Parliament House
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Ms Maree Edwards
State Member for Bendigo West
Parliament House
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Mr Khalil Eideh
MLC for Western Metropolitan
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Mr Nazih Elasmr
MLC for Northern Metropolitan
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State Member for Lara
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State Member for Evelyn
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State Member for Brunswick
Parliament House
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State Member for Mount Waverley
Parliament House
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State Member for Narre Warren South
Parliament House
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State Member for Yan Yean
Parliament House
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State Member for Thomastown
Parliament House
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State Member for Altona
Parliament House
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State Member for Croydon
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State Member for Sydenham
Parliament House
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13 March 2018

Hon Gavin Jennings
MLC for South-Eastern Metropolitan
Parliament House
Spring Street
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Dear Mr Jennings

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Hon Marlene Kairouz
State Member for Kororoit
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Mr Andrew Katos
State Member for South Barwon
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Ms Emma Kealy
State Member for Lowan
Parliament House
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Ms Sonya Kilkenny
State Member for Carrum
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Ms Sharon Knight
State Member for Wendouree
Parliament House
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Mr Shaun Leane
MLC for Eastern Metropolitan
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Mr Hong Lim
State Member for Clarinda
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MLC for Northern Victoria
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State Member for Ovens Valley
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State Member for Broadmeadows
Parliament House
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State Member for Eildon
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MLC for Western Victoria
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State Member for Mornington
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Parliament House
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State Member for Melton
Parliament House
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State Member for Bellarine
Parliament House
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State Member for Williamstown
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State Member for Morwell
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Mr Danny O'Brien
State Member for Gippsland South
Parliament House
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State Member for Malvern
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Mr Craig Ondarchie
MLC for Northern Metropolitan
Parliament House
Spring Street
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Dear Mr Ondarchie

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Hon Martin Pakula
State Member for Keysborough
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Spring Street
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Mr Tim Pallas
State Member for Werribee
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Mr Brian Paynter
State Member for Bass
Parliament House
Spring Street
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Mr Danny Pearson
State Member for Essendon
Parliament House
Spring Street
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Ms Sue Pennicuik
MLC for Southern Metropolitan
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Pennicuik

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Mr Jude Perera
State Member for Cranbourne
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State Member for Hawthorn
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MLC for South-Eastern Metropolitan
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Mr Simon Ramsay
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State Member for Polwarth
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State Member for Ringwood
Parliament House
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State Member for Euroa
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State Member for Melbourne
Parliament House
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State Member for Preston
Parliament House
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State Member for Shepparton
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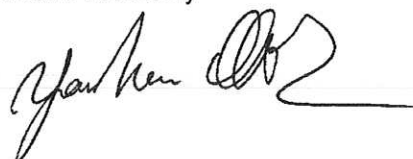
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Harriet Shing
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Parliament House
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Dear Ms Shing

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Timothy Smith
State Member for Kew
Parliament House
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Parliament House
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MLC for South-Eastern Metropolitan
Parliament House
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State Member for Caulfield
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Cr Youhorn Chea
Mayor



13 March 2018

Rosalind Spence
State Member for Yuroke
Parliament House
Spring Street
East Melbourne VIC 3002

Dear Ms Spence

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Nina Springle
MLC for South-Eastern Metropolitan
Parliament House
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Nick Staikos
State Member for Bentleigh
Parliament House
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Louise Staley
State Member for Ripon
Parliament House
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Natalie Suleyman
State Member for St Albans
Parliament House
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Jaclyn Symes
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Mary-Anne Thomas
State Member for Macedon
Parliament House
Spring Street
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Dear Ms Thomas

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Murray Thompson
State Member for Sandringham
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Thompson

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Hon Marsha Thomson
State Member for Footscray
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Thomson

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Lidia Thorpe
State Member for Northcote
Parliament House
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MLC for Western Victoria
Parliament House
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William Tilley
State Member for Benambra
Parliament House
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Huong Truong
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Hon Peter Walsh
State Member for Murray Plains
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Vicki Ward
State Member for Eltham
Parliament House
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State Member for Burwood
Parliament House
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Hon Kimberley Wells
State Member for Rowville
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Wells

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Gabrielle Williams
State Member for Dandenong
Parliament House
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Hon Richard Wynne
State Member for Richmond
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Daniel Young
MLC for Northern Victoria
Parliament House
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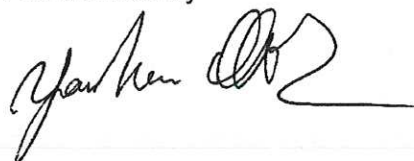
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