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Dear Mr Barton

Thank you for your letter of congratulations.

Only seven times in sixty years have Australians voted to change the government – so I am very mindful of the responsibility entrusted to the Coalition.

The new Coalition Government will strive to govern for all Australians, including those who didn't vote for us.

I have always believed that no one person is the font of all wisdom and that no political party has a monopoly on common sense. If you ever believe that the Government can do better, please let me know.

Though your work and my work are different, the aspiration we share for our country is the same: to build a stronger Australia and a better future for everyone.

I look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Abbott', written over a long horizontal line.

TONY ABBOTT