

8 November 2018

The Hon Bob Katter MP Member for Kennedy Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Katter

I appreciate the support that you have provided to the ongoing stability of the Parliament and acknowledge that you have previously held the view that the Government should be able to complete its term before holding an election.

I seek your continued agreement to support the Government on issues of confidence and supply, as well as all motions procedural or otherwise and second reading amendments that attempt to cause disruption to the good order of the House.

I acknowledge that you will continue to vote on legislation as you see fit, but ask that you raise any concerns with the Government prior to legislation being voted on.

As a result of meetings with representatives from the area, it is a decision of the Government to advance the interests of the constituents of Kennedy and agree to the funding of up to \$180 million for the Hughenden Irrigation Scheme project and up to \$54 million for Hells Gates Dam Stage 1, Big Rocks Weir. The funding for these projects is for all necessary regulatory, compliance, pre-construction and capital works. As with all projects funded by the Commonwealth, normal public probity requirements will also be met. The Government will, as is proper, take responsibility for ensuring the outcomes are acceptable.

The Government will also work with communities like Yarrabah and Mornington Islands to set up market gardens as part of the plans for the economic and health opportunities for these communities. Through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy, the Government has invested \$1 million in Yarrabah Shire Council to deliver activities to engage job seekers and move job seekers into work, similar to activities previously provided under the Community Development Program. We are talking to the Council about establishing a market garden through this investment. We will also look at the best way to roll community gardens out across all communities that want them.

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Discussion will continue on our issues. As always, I am happy to arrange regular meetings to discuss issues of concern to you and your electorate and arrange briefings from relevant Minsters or Departments.

Yours sincerely

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