



The Hon Anthony Albanese
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Prime Minister

Congratulations on your decisive win in Saturday's federal election.

ABC Friends is a non-partisan organisation and as a charity was not in a position to endorse candidates. Nevertheless, we did campaign in person and online in the election. We informed our 85,000 supporters of the major parties' policy platforms and performance, and encouraged voters in 30 target electorates to vote for candidates that support the ABC.

Over the past three years we have welcomed the funding security that your government gave to the ABC after many years of funding cuts. We have also welcomed your determination to respect the ABC's independence and the steps your government took to insulate it against political interference. There is much more to do to restore the ABC, but your government laid important groundwork.

The Minister for Communications, Michelle Rowland, played a key role in achieving these improvements and ABC Friends worked cooperatively with her both in government and in opposition. Major challenges remain to be addressed in the complex Communications portfolio – not simply for the ABC, of course. We thank Minister Rowland for her work as Communications Minister and her support for an independent ABC.

Once again, please accept our warmest congratulations. We look forward to working with a second term Labor government to strengthen the ABC and guarantee its future for all Australians.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cassandra Parkinson".

Cassandra Parkinson
National President

