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Senator Bob Brown
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Brown

Firstly, may I congratulate you on holding your Senate seat and on increasing your numbers in the Senate by at least one after 30 June.

My colleagues and I look forward to working with you and your team in what remains of our term in the Senate.

On the matter of the Senate, I write to urge that you consider joining us in persuading the Government and the Opposition to undo the procedural changes made after the 2005 election which have served to limit scrutiny of government and its legislation. I attach a paper which outlines our recommendations and proposes other reforms to strengthen the Senate and accountability more generally.

I would be interested in your views on these proposals.

Yours sincerely

Senator Lyn Allison
Leader, Australian Democrats