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Mr Brendan Nelson MP
Leader of the Opposition
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Nelson

Firstly, may I congratulate you on winning your seat and on being elected to the position of parliamentary leader of the Liberal Party.

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

On the matter of the Senate, I write to urge that you consider undoing 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.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you or your leader in the Senate to discuss them.

Yours sincerely

Senator Lyn Allison
Leader, Australian Democrats