

4 December 2007

Mr Kevin Rudd MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Rudd

Firstly, may I congratulate you on the election of a Labor Government and wish you well as Prime Minister. It was a well-deserved win and promises to take Australia down a more decent, fairer and more sustainable path.

My colleagues and I look forward to working with you and your 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 by the former government which 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 to discuss them.

Yours sincerely

Senator Lyn Allison
Leader, Australian Democrats

cc Senator John Faulkner
Special Minister of State