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Kate
Dear Ms Thwaites

I am pleased to provide to the Committee the Government's response to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters' (JSCEM) *Conduct of the 2022 federal election and other matters – Interim Report* (Interim Report).

I appreciate the Committee's dedication in investigating the 2022 federal election and delivering its Interim Report. The list of recommendations are aimed at strengthening our democracy, and support the Government commitments to improve the transparency and accountability across our electoral system. The Government notes the recommendations in the attached response, and will consider these potential reforms as part of its response to the JSCEM Final Report.

I believe electoral reform should be undertaken in a consultative and bipartisan manner.

I look forward to engaging with colleagues across the parliament on these vital reforms, pending the committee's final report later in the year.

This response will be tabled in Parliament.

Yours sincerely

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