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Dear Mr Wright,

**Leaders' Election Campaign Forums**

The Coalition Leader, the Hon Tony Abbott MHR has requested that I write to you to finalise arrangements for the Leaders' forums to be held during this election campaign.

To give Australians the opportunity to hear directly from both Leaders at the beginning of the campaign, the Liberal Party believes the first debate should be held next Sunday afternoon or evening at the National Press Club in Canberra. Both Leaders would have the opportunity to provide opening remarks before taking questions from a panel of representatives selected from the National Press Gallery. Each Leader would also have an opportunity to respond to each other's responses, and provide a closing statement.

The Liberal Party believes this is the most important election in a generation. Therefore it is appropriate that a number of forums be held in different formats to allow Australians to ask their own questions directly of the Leaders on the issues that matter most to them.

We therefore believe a second forum should again be held at the Rooty Hill RSL, on a date to be agreed between both Leaders. The audience would have the opportunity to hear from Mr Rudd and then have an interactive question and answer session with the audience. This would be followed by an opportunity to hear from Tony Abbott and an interactive question and answer session with the audience.

The Liberal Party proposes that a third forum would be held in Brisbane, on a date to be agreed between both Leaders. Both Leaders would be on stage together throughout the forum. Each Leader would have the opportunity to make an opening statement followed by questions from the audience that both Leaders would have an opportunity to respond to.

The arrangements for selection of the audience attending all three forums would be agreed between both parties.

I look forward to your consideration and confirmation of the arrangements proposed above. Given the public interest in these forums I will be making this correspondence public.

Yours sincerely,