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Dear Mr Grove

I am writing to respond to the report of the Joint Select Committee on Parliamentary Procedure, entitled *Reforms to parliamentary processes and procedures*, tabled on 21 October 2010.

The inquiry arose out of proposals for reforms of the Commonwealth House of Representatives contained in the '*Agreement for a Better Parliament: Parliamentary reform*', which was developed following the 2010 Federal Election.

In establishing this inquiry, the Government was aware that many of the proposed reforms at the Commonwealth level had previously been implemented in New South Wales and that, in this way, New South Wales' procedures already represented best practice.

Nevertheless, the Commonwealth '*Agreement for a Better Parliament*' presented a unique opportunity to consider both existing NSW parliamentary processes and possible further reforms from a fresh perspective.

I would like to thank the Committee for its work in undertaking the inquiry and its consideration of each of the reform proposals.

The Government will table its response to each of the specific recommendations made by the Joint Committee on a sitting day in the near future.

I once again thank the Committee for its report.

Yours sincerely



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