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Mr David Thodey
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Dear Mr Thodey,

APS Review – Consider Tasmania

I have been following the progress of the APS review examining the capability, culture and operating mode of the APS. I note that the Scope of the Review includes consideration of the APS's overall architecture, together with:

- driving innovation and productivity in the economy
- delivering high quality policy advice, regulatory oversight, programs and services
- tackling complex, multi-sectoral challenges in collaboration with the community, business and citizens
- ensuring our domestic, foreign, trade and security interests are coordinated and well managed
- improving citizens' experience of government and delivering fair outcomes for them
- acquiring and maintaining the necessary skills and expertise to fulfil its responsibilities.

In examining these issues, the review will consider the suitability of the APS's architecture and governing legislation. It will also consider how the APS monitors and measures performance, and how it ensures the transparent and most effective use of taxpayers' money in delivering outcomes.

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You will of course understand that Tasmania, with its excellent NBN connectivity and stable workforce, looks forward to becoming home to new APS roles. In particular, decentralisation to Kingston, where space is available, whether green-fields sites, or existing office space such as the Vodafone building, is a natural choice.

I would very much like to participate in a collaborative discussion with you as you continue your review, to identify ways in which extending decentralised roles to southern Tasmania would assist to meet the stated objectives of the APS review.

In the Interim Report I note that the following figures were reported. In terms of the numbers of APS roles in each state and territory, Tasmania was second last only to the Northern Territory.

- NSW 27,900
- Victoria 25,500
- Qld 17,000
- SA 9000
- WA 7000
- TAS 3700
- NT 2000

It seems to me that there would be great value in increasing the proportion of APS roles in Tasmania, by transferring some operations to a Tasmanian location. We have particularly good technology skills and a willing workforce.

Would you please consider Tasmania, specifically, in your review of the APS and the role we might play in a fully distributed workforce and digital model.

I would be happy to speak with you at any time about this matter. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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