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Our ref: NC – M/HW

Mr Ian McPhee PSM
Auditor-General for Australia
Australian National Audit Office
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Urgent, via email

Dear Auditor-General

RE: Further to advertising campaign by Australian Government

I am writing to you further to my letter dated 22 July 2013, and I thank you for your prompt response dated 1 August 2013.

I note that the advertisements in question have continued despite the fact that the Government is now in caretaker mode following the issuing of the writs for the election. I believe this continuation is against the caretaker convention, given that the Opposition has not consented for the continuation of these advertisements for domestic purposes.

I request that you conduct a further urgent investigation into these advertisements in the context of caretaker mode, and whether the Government is in breach of this convention.

I look forward to hearing from you as a matter of urgency. Please feel welcome to contact me directly should you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

NICK XENOPHON

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