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## MALABAR HEADLAND RIFLE RANGE LEASE

Dear Mr Hehir

I write to request an audit of the 50-year lease entered into by the Turnbull Government and the NSW Rifle Association for the rifle range at Malabar Headland, near Sydney.

I refer you to reports following an FOI request which show that the Association will pay just \$26,500 per annum to use 38 hectares of prime coastal land, well below market rates. I also refer you to Senator David Leyonhjelm's statement that "I think it's highly unlikely we would've got the happy outcome we achieved, if it had not been for my intervention" (ABC).

Given these claims and the value of the lease, I specifically request you to investigate:

1. Whether sufficient steps were taken to ensure Australians received value for money for the leasing of this public land;
2. Whether there was an appropriately public, transparent and above-board process for the granting of this lease at these rates;
3. The market value of the land leased to the NSW Rifle Association and the total value of the concessions provided to the Association;
4. What advice was provided by Finance and other relevant departments, whether this advice was followed, and if not for what reason;
5. What roles were played by Commonwealth Ministers in the granting of this concessional lease and whether they were appropriate; and
6. Any other relevant and related issues in the public interest.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



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