



PRIME MINISTER  
CANBERRA

Her Excellency the Hon Quentin Bryce AC CVO  
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia  
Government House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Your Excellency

As a consequence of the defeat of the Australian Labor Party Government at the general election on 7 September 2013, I tender my resignation as Prime Minister and recommend that you ask the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Abbott, to form a Government.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Rudd'.

Kevin Rudd



Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC  
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

The Honourable Kevin Rudd MP  
Prime Minister  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

*Dear Mr. Rudd,*

Thank you for your letter of 8 September advising me to commission the Honourable Tony Abbott MP to form a Government following the election held on 7 September 2013.

I will act on your recommendation and ask him to form a Government.

In accordance with past practice, I should be grateful if you and your Ministers could continue in your current roles in a caretaker capacity until the swearing-in of the new Ministry.

Yours sincerely

*Quentin Bryce*

*8.9.13.*