



PRIME MINISTER

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10 April 2022

His Excellency General the Hon David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Government House
Dunrossil Drive
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

10 April 2022 - 10:28 am. Noted.

Your Excellency

I write to advise you to prorogue the Parliament and dissolve the House of Representatives, as set out in section 5 of the Constitution, and take the necessary action for a half-Senate election in time for the elections for both houses of the Parliament to be held on Saturday, 21 May 2022.

Noted

The current term of the House of Representatives expires on Friday, 1 July 2022. Section 28 of the Constitution provides you with the discretion to dissolve the House of Representatives before that date. An election for the House of Representatives must be held by 3 September 2022.

Noted

A half-Senate election must be held by 21 May 2022 as the terms of half the senators expire on 30 June 2022. Holding the House of Representatives election at the same time as a half-Senate election will spare the Australian community the additional expense and disruption that would result from holding two separate national elections within months.

Noted

The details of the election timetable I propose are:

- issue of the writs : 11 April 2022
- close of the rolls : 18 April 2022
- close of nominations : 21 April 2022
- polling day : 21 May 2022
- return of the writs (latest date) : 28 June 2022

Noted

Under section 12 of the Constitution, the Governor of a State may cause writs to be issued for elections of senators for the State. Accordingly, I invite you to propose to each of the Governors of the States that the dates proposed above be adopted for the purpose of the election of State senators.

Noted

Enclosed for your approval and signature is a proclamation, based on the practice in recent years, which will prorogue the Parliament from 9:29am on Monday, 11 April 2022, to Saturday, 21 May 2022, and dissolve the House of Representatives at 9:30am on Monday, 11 April 2022.

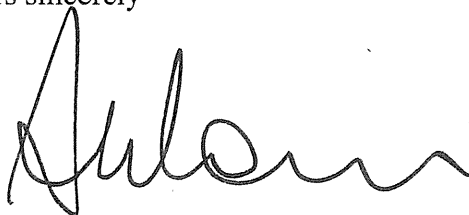
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Finally, I can assure Your Excellency that there are sufficient funds available to enable the administration and ordinary services of government during the election period, following the recent passage of the *Supply Act (No. 1) 2022-2023*, *Supply Act (No. 2) 2022-2023* and the *Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Act (No. 1) 2022-2023*. These Acts have provided interim Supply for a sufficient period to allow the election to take place, and for the 2022-23 Budget Bills to be considered and passed by the new Parliament.

Noted

I would appreciate your confirmation, in accordance with established practice, that you have no objection to the public release of this letter and your reply, at an appropriate time.

Yours sincerely



SCOTT MORRISON

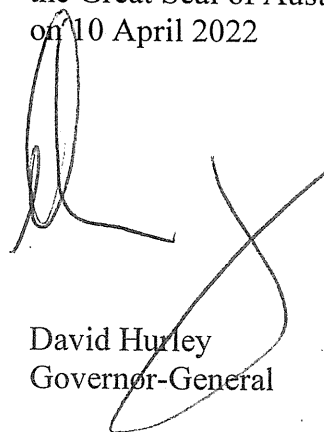


PROCLAMATION

I, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under section 5 of the Constitution:

- prorogue the Parliament from 9:29 am on 11 April 2022, until Saturday, 21 May 2022; and
- dissolve the House of Representatives at 9:30 am on 11 April 2022.

Signed and sealed with
the Great Seal of Australia
on 10 April 2022



David Hurley
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



Scott Morrison
Prime Minister



His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

10 April 2022

The Honourable Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister,

When you called on me today, you handed me your letter of today's date advising me to prorogue the Parliament, dissolve the House of Representatives as set out in section 5 of the Constitution, and take the necessary action for a half-Senate election to enable the elections for both Houses of Parliament to be held on Saturday, 21 May 2022.

I confirm my acceptance of that advice. I shall invite State Governors to take the necessary action for the holding of Senate elections. In accordance with your recommendation, I shall issue a proclamation proroguing the Parliament and dissolving the House of Representatives.

I have noted your assurances that Parliament has appropriated sufficient funds to enable the work of the administration to be carried on through the election period.

I have no objection to the public release of your letter and this reply at an appropriate time.

Yours sincerely