



PRIME MINISTER
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Reference: MS25-000144

28 March 2025

Her Excellency the Hon Ms Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Government House
Dunrossil Drive
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600



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28/03/25
7.26 am

Noted +
Agreed

Your Excellency

I write to recommend you 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, 3 May 2025.

Noted

The current term of the House of Representatives expires at midnight on Friday, 25 July 2025. 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 27 September 2025.

Noted

A half-Senate election must be held by 17 May 2025 before the terms of half the senators expire on 30 June 2025. 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	:	31 March 2025
close of the rolls	:	7 April 2025
close of nominations	:	10 April 2025
polling day	:	3 May 2025
return of the writs (latest date)	:	9 July 2025

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 8:29 am on Friday, 28 March 2025, to Saturday, 3 May 2025, and dissolve the House of Representatives at 8:30 am on Friday, 28 March 2025.

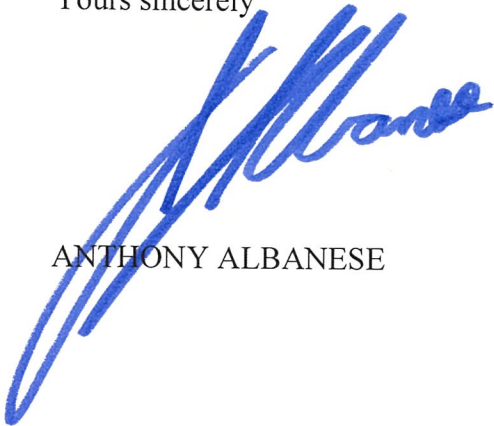
Noted

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) 2025-2026*, *Supply Act (No. 2) 2025-2026* and the *Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Act (No. 1) 2025-2026*. These Acts have provided interim Supply for a sufficient period to allow the election to take place, and for the 2025-2026 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



ANTHONY ALBANESE



PROCLAMATION

I, the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under section 5 of the Constitution:

- a. prorogue the Parliament from 8:29am on 28 March 2025, until Saturday, 3 May 2025; and
- b. dissolve the House of Representatives at 8:30am on 28 March 2025.

Signed and sealed with
the Great Seal of Australia
on 28 March 2025



Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

Anthony Albanese
Prime Minister

Certified true copy

Official Secretary

Clareesa Sintes
Clerk of the House



Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

28 March 2025

The Hon Anthony Albanese 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, 3 May 2025.

I confirm my acceptance of that advice. I shall today 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 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Sam Mostyn'.