



PRIME MINISTER
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Reference: MS25-000210

Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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22/05/25

Your Excellency

I write in relation to the opening of the 48th Parliament.

I recommend for your signature the attached Proclamation summoning the Parliament and appointing 10.30am on Tuesday, 22 July 2025, as the time and day for the Parliament to assemble.

Consistent with previous practice, I also recommend you appoint the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, the Hon Stephen Gageler AC, as your deputy to declare the Parliament open, and to authorise him to then administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to Senators.

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On this occasion, it is proposed that Members of the House of Representatives to be sworn in at the same time as Senators in their respective chambers. Accordingly, I also recommend that Justice Michelle Gordon AC be authorised to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to Members of the House of Representatives.

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The necessary instruments are attached for your consideration and, if you agree, signature.

Noted

In accordance with established tradition, I propose that you deliver the opening speech at 3.00pm on the opening day of Parliament. I will provide a draft of the speech for your approval as soon as possible.

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Yours sincerely,

ANTHONY ALBANESE

Encl.



THE CONSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION

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

- a) appoint Tuesday, 22 July 2025, at 10.30am as the day and time for the Parliament to meet at Parliament House, Canberra, to hold a session of the Parliament; and
- b) summon all Senators and Members of the House of Representatives to meet at that day, time and place.

Signed and sealed with
the Great Seal of Australia on

22 July 2025



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Sam Mostyn
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

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Anthony Albanese
Prime Minister



THE CONSTITUTION

APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL TO DECLARE OPEN THE PARLIAMENT

I, the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under section 126 of the Constitution and Clause IV of the Letters Patent dated 21 August 2008 relating to the office of Governor-General, appoint The Honourable Stephen Gageler AC, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, to be my deputy to declare open the Parliament at the time and place appointed by the Proclamation published in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 2025.

Dated 22 May 2025

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Sam Mostyn
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

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Anthony Albanese
Prime Minister



THE CONSTITUTION

AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO SENATORS

I, the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under section 42 of the Constitution, authorise The Honourable Stephen Gageler AC, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to Senators.

Dated

22 May

2025

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Sam Mostyn
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

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Anthony Albanese
Prime Minister



THE CONSTITUTION

AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I, the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under section 42 of the Constitution, authorise The Honourable Michelle Gordon AC, a Justice of the High Court of Australia, to administer the oath or affirmation of allegiance to Members of the House of Representatives.

Dated

22 May

2025

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Sam Mostyn
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

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Anthony Albanese
Prime Minister