

[From Minister responsible for the ABC, on behalf of the PM, to]

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Dear Mr Scott

Address to the Nation by Prime Minister

I write to request that time be made available on ABC Television, Radio and Online for the Prime Minister to make an address to the nation on a matter of national interest, as envisaged by section 9.1 of the ABC Editorial Policies.

The address relates to [*specify the subject of the address*].

The Prime Minister seeks to make an address of no more than [*estimated minutes*] duration on [*date*] at [*time*].

The Prime Minister's Office will arrange the recording of the address in appropriate broadcast-quality format, advise the ABC of the exact duration, and provide it in time to meet deadlines for TV and radio.

Arrangements should be discussed directly with the Prime Minister's Office. The contact person is [*name, title, phone and email details*].

Recognising the duty to maintain the independence and integrity of the ABC, the Government notes that in accordance with the Editorial Policies the ABC may offer the Leader of the Opposition time for reply under comparable conditions.

Yours sincerely,