



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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Mr John Tucker MP
Independent Member for Lyons
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Dear Mr Tucker

I am writing to provide you with an update, following our meeting of last Friday.

I remain of the view that, having being elected as a part of a Liberal majority Government, you had an obligation to commit to a confidence and supply arrangement that provides for genuine stability and certainty.

I have noted your various public comments over the past week that you believe that the current Memorandum of Understanding is working well, and you have no intention of committing to the new arrangement that I have proposed.

I have also noted the comments made by yourself that you intend to move a no-confidence vote in my Government on Parliament's resumption on 5th March 2024.

While there remains some significant challenges, Tasmania has come a long way over the past ten years under majority Liberal Government under Will Hodgman, Peter Gutwein and myself. A big part of being able to achieve the positive outcomes we have, has been the stability and certainty provided by majority government.

Additionally, your public mischaracterisation of the outcomes of our meeting has led me to the conclusion that there is a significant trust deficit in our relationship, and I cannot be confident that even if we were to strike a new agreement that it would be enduring.

In that context, noting your rejection of my proposal for a more stable arrangement, and having further considered the matter and consulted with my colleagues, I have decided that I have no alternative other than to request the Governor to call an election so that Tasmanians can have their say.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'J. Rockliff', written over the printed name and title.

Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier