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Mr Vytautas Landsbergis
President
Republic of Lithuania

Dear President Landsbergis

May I extend the congratulations of the people of Australia and the National Party of Australia to you on your election yesterday as the President of the newly independent Republic of Lithuania.

The National Party of Australia welcomes the declaration of independence by the parliament of Lithuania. It gave legitimacy to the popular aspirations of the Lithuanian people.

The National Party of Australia welcomes the Republic of Lithuania into the co-fraternity of democratic nations. We are proud to identify with this final act of national freedom and assertion of autonomy.

I was especially pleased to read of your personal commitment to democratic ideals, Mr President. The establishment of a constructive opposition in parliament and a free press are essential to the realisation of those ideals. It was encouraging to see you determine this path for Lithuania.

The National Party extends our good wishes and support to you and the people of Lithuania as you step forward on this new path. We wish all Lithuanians well as the Republic of Lithuania endeavours to achieve real nationhood.

Yours sincerely

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