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17 May 1990.

Dear Mr Fraser,

Thank you for your recent letter and the congratulations you extended to me concerning the result of the Federal election in the Hume Electorate.

I am acutely conscious of the precarious situation in Lithuania and the other Baltic States and fervently hope that the people there will win the right to exist as independent nations without bloodshed.

The Liberal and National Parties have never recognised the Baltic States' forced incorporation into the Soviet Union. Indeed, it was Andrew Peacock who, as Foreign Minister, reversed the Labor Government's decision to give de jure recognition to that illegal annexation.

Furthermore, the Coalition has given notice in the Senate that it will move that the Senate:

- .. Supports an independent and free Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia.
- .. Condemns the Soviet Union for its campaign of intimidation specifically against Lithuania, and
- .. Calls on the Soviet authorities to abandon its blockade of vital raw materials to Lithuania and to allow the immediate resumption of oil, gas, food and medical supplies.
- .. Calls on the Soviet Union to accept the declarations of independence by the Baltic Republics and to facilitate a peaceful transition to their full autonomy, and

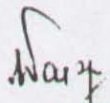
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.. Calls on the Australian Government to ensure that the Australian peoples' support for the people of the Baltic Republics is heard in Moscow.

I appreciated hearing from you on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,


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