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Ms Sarah Brasch
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Dear Ms Brasch

Thank you for your email dated 22 May 2009, regarding the report of my intention to invite the Queen to attend the Centenary of Canberra celebrations in 2013.

The progress of this invitation is currently with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. I have written to him asking that he extend to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Australia's invitation to visit the national capital during 2013.

As we draw closer to celebrating the Centenary of Canberra the Queen remains Australia's Head of State. Our national capital is seen by many as the proudest legacy of Federation and it is highly appropriate to propose a Royal visit. It is for this reason I have extended the invitation.

I wish to thank you for taking the time to write and for continuing to voice your support for an Australian Republic. I, like many Canberrans proudly support an Australian Republic.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Minister

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