



The Hon Michelle Rowland MP

**Minister for Communications
Federal Member for Greenway**

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Ms Julie Inman Grant
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Dear Ms Inman Grant

Thank you for your letter dated 7 December 2022 informing me of your overseas travel to Switzerland and Singapore from 13 to 24 January 2023.

In your letter, you recommend that Mr Toby Dagg, Acting Chief Operating Officer, be appointed acting Commissioner during this period of absence from Australia. I have agreed to this acting arrangement and written to Mr Dagg to this effect.

Given that your travel occurs during the Government's preparation for the 2023-24 Budget, I ask that you ensure Mr Dagg and your staff are given the authority to provide information requested by my department in your absence to ensure this important work progresses in a timely manner.

I note your comments at the World Economic Forum earlier this year received significant media coverage. As a representative of the Australian Government, your comments are likely to be interpreted as a reflection of Government policy. I ask that you contact Mr Craig Maclachlan, Deputy Secretary, at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to discuss any foreign policy sensitivities before the commencement of your travel. Mr Maclachlan can be reached through his Office on (02) 6261 2626.

I thank you for your ongoing work to keep Australians safe online and look forward to hearing about the outcomes of your visit to Switzerland and Singapore.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Rowland', written in a cursive style.

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