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Dear Mr Brogden,

Thank you for your letter regarding fixed four year parliamentary terms.

Labor has long supported fixed four year terms as part of a suite of constitutional reforms to ensure that our founding document remains relevant, fair and fit-for-purpose.

Labor shares the Institute's concerns around the short-termism in political offices and boardrooms in Australia. Labor acknowledges the uncertainty for business and resultant economic impact that arises from election speculation, a situation exacerbated by the cynical abuse of the double dissolution mechanisms by the Turnbull Government this election cycle.

Labor has a long and proud history of delivering the long term reform that Australia needs. Through programs like *Your Child. Our Future* we are preparing Australian children for the jobs of the future. With the National Broadband Network we are providing Australian families and businesses with the tools they need to compete with the best in the world. Labor's infrastructure plans make our country more productive, sustainable and liveable.

Labor's long term reforms that will continue to make a meaningful difference to the lives of all Australians – Medicare, the National Disability Insurance Scheme and Superannuation – took vision and determination that only Labor can deliver.

Labor supports a referendum on Indigenous recognition to be held in 2017 and we do not believe it would be appropriate to seek approval for other changes to the Constitution at the same time.

Thank you for your interest and advocacy of this important issue.

Kind regards

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