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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 22 February 2018 enclosing petition 2844-17 titled 'End election date speculation' which was tabled in the Parliament on 15 February 2018.

As you are aware, the provisions of the *Constitution (Fixed Term Parliament) Amendment Act 2015* (the Act) were not set to commence until after the last election which was held on 25 November 2017. The provisions of the Act have now commenced and the next State election is scheduled to take place on 31 October 2020, with subsequent elections to take place every four years on the last Saturday in October.

As indicated in the explanatory notes for the related Bill, the Act 'removes the constant speculation from the political process and provides fairness to all political parties rather than what is in the interest of the government of the day'.

Again thank you for forwarding this petition to me.

Yours sincerely

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