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Mr Neil Laurie
Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE Q 4000

Dear Neil

I refer to your letter of 7 October 2004 in relation to a petition tabled in the House regarding the loss of Australian identity through the incorrect use of the Australian dollar sign (Petition No. 379-04).

Please find attached a copy of my response to the principal petitioner, Mr Christopher Beckingham. I would appreciate it if you could arrange for my response to be tabled in Parliament on my behalf. As requested, an electronic copy of the letter will be forwarded to the Table Office.

Yours sincerely

PETER BEATTIE MP
PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE

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Mr Christopher Beckingham
PO Box 41
YANDINA Q 4561

Dear Christopher

Thank you for your petition regarding a concern for the loss of Australian identity through the incorrect usage of the Australian dollar sign.

Matters relating to currency, coinage and legal tender are legislated under the *Australian Constitution*.

On this basis, the Commonwealth Parliament would be the appropriate body to consider undertaking any advertising campaign concerning Australian Dollar signage.

Accordingly, I suggest you provide your petition to your local Federal Member of Parliament for presentation to the Commonwealth Parliament.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

PETER BEATTIE MP
PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE