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MEMBER FOR FINNISS

Delivering for the Community

This community continues to be dynamic and strive to make this place, the electorate of Finnis, the best place to be and I want to do everything I can to help.

This year the serious choices of governance have started many conversations and the community has questioned who they want for their leaders and voice at a Federal, State and Local government level.

These elections have been settled. I am humbled and grateful to be among those chosen and will do my best to represent you and my community at a state level and will work diligently with Federal and Local Councils.

Congratulations to all the successful representatives chosen in our region, I look forward to working with you, enjoying the responsibility and honour.

My focus this year has been *Out and About*, and I hope many of you have heard about a Parliament House tour or School visit from a young person as I try and reach all the schools. I have visited with many community groups, presenting flags, listening to them, hearing about projects and helping where I can. There have been many formal occasions, but I cherish the unplanned chats I have with you at the Markets, on the Causeway or at my weekly Friday 'Coffee Catchups'.

Moving to opposition in parliament has been challenging but we continue to hold the leaders to account by asking questions, airing grievances and carefully confronting the context or intent of Bills being introduced.

Communication is key to navigating change and challenges, so please contact me at any time. I am your local member and you never know when your letter, email or phone call may make a difference.

Christmas brings different things for each of us, but after 'normal' has been challenged for the past two years, I have a new recognition of the importance of family, friends, neighbours and community as well as for our ability to enjoy beautiful natural environments.

There are so many people amongst us who deserve our thanks for all the work they do to protect and support us - Thankyou.

In our community as a holiday destination, this time of year looks different to many other regions. I acknowledge and appreciate all the businesses and staff that increase hours and work harder at this time so many others can enjoy a special and memorable holiday season.

In the spirit of Christmas, I hope everyone will have the opportunity to stop, reflect, and to know what is most important and feel gratitude.

I look forward to an exciting 2023 and from me, my family and staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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