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Member for Eden-Monaro

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Dear Ms ~~Blombery~~ *Tricia*

Thank you for your generous letter offering congratulations on my appointment as the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, and highlighting the priorities for Graduate Women NSW.

As a co-chair of the Women for Election Australia Parliamentary Friendship Group, I believe strongly in the need to address the gender imbalance in political representation across all of Australia's parliamentary chambers. I have had the immense privilege of being the first woman elected to represent the people of Eden-Monaro. As the first member of my family to attend university, I believe access to higher education helps women to take leadership roles.

I am proud that the Albanese Government is the most diverse in Australia's history with half of our 20 newly elected MPs and Senators being of First Nations or culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The Labor party also has a record number of women in this 47th Parliament - of our 103 MPs and Senators, 54 are female and 49 male.

It is an incredible honour and privilege to have the opportunity to continue to serve our nation and I am very pleased to have been appointed to this portfolio. I will bring my passion and expertise for regional development and local government to the role, and will work hard for the people of Australia to achieve the best possible outcomes for our country.

Thank you for your warm wishes and I wish you well in your work.

Yours sincerely

Kristy McBain MP

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