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Hon Bruce Atkinson
MLC for Eastern Metropolitan
Parliament House
Spring Street
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Dear Mr Atkinson

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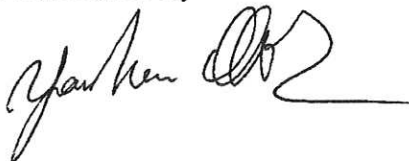
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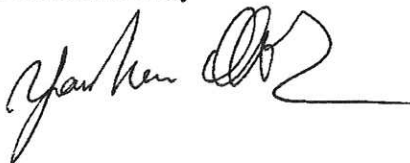
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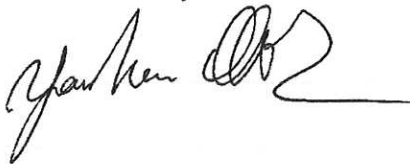
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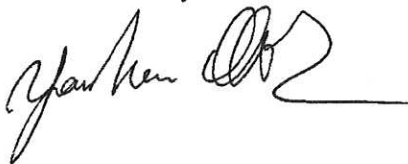
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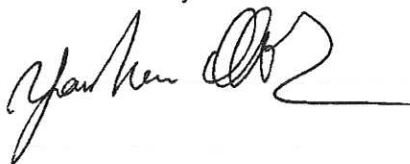
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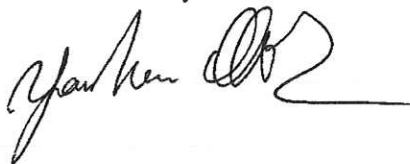
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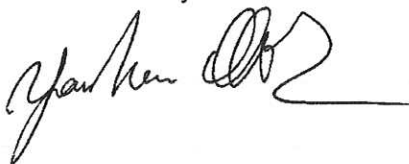
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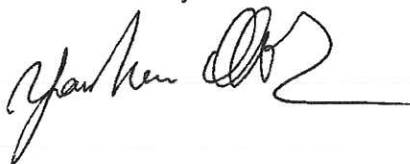
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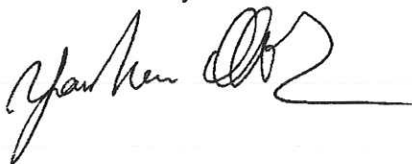
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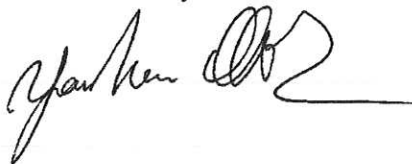
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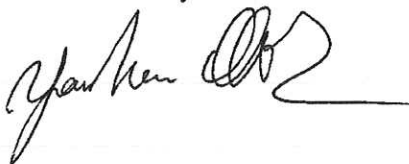
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