



*Prime Minister
Singapore*

26 November 2007

Dear *Mr Rudd,*

Please accept my warmest congratulations on leading the Australian Labor Party to an impressive victory at the federal election on 24 November 2007. Your success at the polls reflects the confidence that Australians have in your leadership and the support for your vision of Australia's future.

I am glad that we had the opportunity to meet in Sydney in September. Australia and Singapore enjoy close ties in a wide range of areas. Our relationship is rooted in similar national outlooks and common interests. We share common perspectives on strategic issues, and have cooperated in many different regional and global forums. I look forward to working with you to further strengthen our bilateral relations as well as Australia's engagement with the region.

I hope that you will be able to take up my invitation to visit Singapore in the not too distant future.

With my very best wishes to you and Therese.

Yours *sincerely,*

Lee Hsien Loong

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