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President  
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Dear Peter

I refer to your letter of 19 August 2008 regarding the Community Alliance Party's view on attachment 2, Policy Questionnaire, in respect to the 10 questions you submitted for a response.

This was a simple matter, both for me and the Community Alliance Party of which I am President.

The answer to all questions is **YES**.

In way of background, my father was an engineer who came to Canberra to help build it. He was a supervisor on many of Canberra's landmarks including all the dams, the single lane Cotter Bridge, the old Commonwealth Bridge which was adjacent to the Albert Hall, the Administration Building, the Olympic Pool, the Central Basin of the lake, etc, etc.

I and my 5 siblings were born in Canberra and grew up here. We all attended various functions at the Albert Hall and have fond memories of the "old lady".

As you may be aware, we held our Party launch at the Albert Hall on 12 June 2008 and the story and photographs can be seen on our website [www.cap.org.au](http://www.cap.org.au) under the "Articles" menu item. The launch was covered by both the print media and television and gave much needed exposure to the Albert Hall.

I might add that the cost of renting the Hall, and providing a \$20 million insurance policy, was a considerable strain on our limited finances, but we thought it worthwhile to support both the Albert Hall itself, but more importantly, the community behind it.

Furthermore, both my wife and I signed a petition supporting the Albert Hall, I had a supporting letter printed in the Canberra Times and my wife was rung to see if she would be willing to take part in a "focus group" relating to the Albert Hall.

So you will see that, not only do we support the future of the Albert Hall, but we have the action and evidence to back it up.

I hope both your group and the Community Alliance Party are successful in ensuring the future of this lovely and historic building.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ric Hingee".

Ric Hingee  
President  
Community Alliance Party

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