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Dear John,

### **Constitutional conversation**

As you will be aware, in the first half of 2013 the Constitutional Advisory Panel is seeking submissions from members of the public about New Zealand's constitutional arrangements. Since it is likely that you will be asked to speak on this issue with your constituents or other interested parties in the next few months, we thought it might be timely to provide a complimentary copy of the latest version of *Nation Dates* (enclosed). The review is discussed on pages 219–220, and a timeline of key constitutional events in New Zealand's history is provided on pages 190–192. Each of these events is explained in more detail under the appropriate year in Chapter 1.

If you are familiar with the book, this latest edition includes 85 new dates and two additional chapters: 'Treaty Settlements' and 'Peace Support Operations'. We continue to invite feedback, and welcome any suggestions of additional dates or chapters for the third edition.

In case you do not know the book, *Nation Dates* is a timeline of significant events that have shaped the nation of New Zealand. It is more than just a record of the past; *Nation Dates* aims to provide an invaluable context for the future at a time when our society is facing major questions about the way forward. We hope you will find *Nation Dates* a useful and interesting resource.

The Institute is continuing to bring together young people to discuss ways to progress New Zealand's long-term future. This will include providing support to a group of young New Zealanders as they prepare a youth submission to the Constitutional Advisory Panel in early July. We are also investigating the possibility of a new initiative, to be introduced later this year, which will explore our country's future through digital media.

If you would like any more information regarding the McGuinness Institute or its work programmes please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards



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