

CONFERENCE OF LEADERS OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Mr Latham,

I write on behalf of the CLRI Justice committee, a group representing the conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes in NSW. CLRI represents approximately 4,000 Catholic Religious and their associates throughout the state.

We would like to congratulate you on your election to the leadership of the Australian Labor Party. This is a critical moment in the history of the Party and, like many Australians, we believe that it could herald a new beginning in the life of the ALP.

It is our hope that the Labor Party, with this significant step, has begun a return to fundamental Labor principles, aimed at the welfare of the whole of Australia, but particularly at the welfare of those who are most vulnerable in our society. The development of policies that provide a real alternative for voters and demonstrate a return to basic Australian and human values, (particularly in the areas of Asylum Seekers and Refugees, Health, Education, Housing, Trade and Immigration) would be welcomed by many of the electorate who are increasingly disillusioned by the lack of humanity in current political initiatives.

Best wishes for what will clearly be a challenging twelve months.

Yours sincerely,

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