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Dear Ms Lambert

ACT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL AUTUMN REVIEW

I write on behalf of the Canberra Liberals in response to your call seeking feedback on the remuneration, allowances and other entitlements of, inter alia, Members of the Legislative Assembly as set out in the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995*.

Resettlement allowance for MLAs

Under s9 of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1995*, the Remuneration Tribunal is required to enquire into and determine the salary, allowances and other entitlements of, inter alia, Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The resettlement allowance provides that a member who retires, resigns or stands for re-election and is unsuccessful is entitled to a payment of two weeks' salary for every year of service.

The allowance is capped at a maximum of twelve weeks and does not provide for payment of incomplete years of service.

In December 2020, the Chief Minister, the leader of the Greens and I wrote to the Tribunal on the issue of resettlement allowance not being available to retiring, resigning and unsuccessful MLAs who were not returned in the October 2020 election.

Due to the date of declaration of the poll which takes place a few weeks after the election date, a number of MLAs were deemed ineligible for their resettlement allowance for the final year of their service as it was deemed an incomplete year of service.

The letter requested that consideration be given to acknowledging completed months of service in addition to completed years of service for those MLAs adversely affected by this ruling.

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The Tribunal decided to accede to that request and provided a pro rata payment for completed months of service in addition to the full year payment.

I write to ask that Determination 15 of 2020 be applied in all future ACT elections.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Lee', written in a cursive style.

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