



MUSEUM
OF AUSTRALIAN
DEMOCRACY

OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

OUR REF: OPH2014/0002

The Hon Tony Abbott MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

Tony,

Re: Donation of a Prime Ministerial bike to the Museum of Australian Democracy

I am writing on behalf of the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House to inquire about the possibility of the museum acquiring one of your racing bikes for the museum's collection. I understand from Paul Ritchie that a bike may be becoming available.

As you may know, the museum has a substantial permanent gallery devoted to Prime Ministers of Australia. In it are displayed key items that have been used by or given to Australia's prime ministers since 1901. For example, there are several substantial objects relating to Robert Menzies on display, kindly donated by the Menzies family, as well as items used by Edmund Barton, Bob Hawke, Stanley Melbourne Bruce, and Harold Holt.

The museum executive staff and I feel that the addition of an item relating to you as a person, and as prime minister, such as a racing bike would make a valuable contribution to the Prime Ministers of Australia exhibition. Should you agree to this donation museum staff will be happy to facilitate the pickup of the bike, and its subsequent display.

Should you require further information about this proposal please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Daryl Karp, Director, Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, on 02 6270 8264 or daryl.karp@moadoph.gov.au

My very best wishes,

Yours sincerely

David

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