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Dear Hon Malcolm Turnbull,

Thank you for the invitation to make a contribution to this very important step towards a safer and more discerning Australia.

I believe it is most important from the beginning to make sure we are listening to the truth, so we choose carefully who we bring into the discussion when decisions are to be made. It follows also that we do not let out to the media items which can be used against your government.

There is wisdom and there is a right time and place for revealing information.

On the topic of environment it would seem difficult to balance purpose in respect of economy and our wild life. I advise thorough research on the side of saving the land or creatures as some environments do recover. Listening to some scientists it is obvious they have an agenda which quickly ties in with their jobs. Only the full truth will lead us to a wise decision.

I am pleased with our policy on maintaining our borders and even with refugees that have tried to get in the side door we have to balance what is truly our responsibility and not what has been forced upon us. I believe we have shown compassion but there is a group supported by the media which would expect Australia to take in everyone and that has never been the policy. It seems difficult to assess where our taxes need to go when so much has been wasted in the past.

I would like to see more involvement and acknowledgement of our neighbours, New Zealand. I am not informed as to our present relationship, although one would say it is healthy, but having read about the first real coming together of our two nations for the First WW I feel we have lost some ground. My perception may be wrong, however, look how they have returned their economy. That's not just economic sensibility; that represents robust government and enduring population!

Further to this topic regarding closer relationships, I would urge the government to remain loyal to Israel and scrutinise the activity surrounding this courageous nation. As for China, Indonesia and neighbouring nations, I can only see trade as being the purpose for relationship and would caution the government on going deeper since our cultures are very different and dictators arise continually. They have no interest in our well being. To be continued.....