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Dear Mr Lake

Thank you for your letter of 11 October on behalf of the Australian Local Government Association regarding a motion relating to age discrimination, which was recently passed at your National General Assembly

The Coalition has a strong record on addressing the issue of age-related discrimination. In 2004, the Howard Government introduced the *Age Discrimination Act 2004* (Cth), which makes it unlawful to discriminate on the basis of age in a number of areas of public life. We believe that the Act has gone some way to making an attitudinal change to age discrimination, as well as address individual cases of discrimination. As well as Commonwealth legislation, all States and Territories have enacted laws that make discrimination on the grounds of age unlawful.

The Coalition remains committed to our 2004 reforms and will continue to work to address the issue of age-related discrimination through legislation and community awareness.

I trust this information is of assistance. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely


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