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Hi Adrienne

Thank you for getting in touch regarding my position on the matters you have raised. While I welcome your active participation in the campaign, I ask for your understanding that I have been inundated with similar requests covering a wide range of policy issues and as an Independent candidate I don't have the time to investigate each of them. While I am reluctant to make binding commitments without further research, I am aware that it is increasingly likely that no party will be elected to govern in its own right and negotiations across the Parliament will be vital in achieving results. I give you my undertaking that your views will be taken into account should I be in a position to influence those negotiations in the new Parliament.

To provide some guidance on my approach, I have a strong commitment to represent the needs and interests of rural and regional communities, which have too often been overlooked by the major parties' concentration on the cities. I am particularly focused on the need for more GPs to kick start the rebuilding of the health system, the need for tax relief to ease the cost of living and the urgent need to get better results from our schools. I am a strong supporter of our rural industries, including farming, forestry, mining, aquaculture and tourism that are the backbone of regional communities. I believe in a Tasmania First approach to addressing needs - ensuring Tasmanians have a roof over their heads before embarking on a billion dollar project to house an AFL team, reducing power prices to the break-even cost of production from the Hydro, and processing Tasmanian timber here in Tasmania.

Regards, John