



PRIME MINISTER

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Mr Rod Hooper
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Dear Mr Hooper

Thank you for writing to me about the important matters raised over recent weeks about women in Australia being safe – at work, home, online and in the community.

These are important issues for our country. They are important matters of justice too because sexual assault and violence against women are serious crimes.

As we navigate them, our foundation has to be the law – because in our country, it is the law that provides justice.

Justice always requires due process. That means equality before the law.

In our system of government, investigations of alleged crimes are matters for policing authorities and not politicians.

You raise the matters relating to Mr Porter. My response is guided by the principles that underpin justice for all Australians.

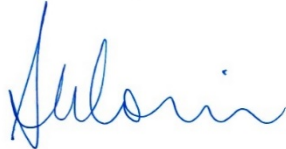
As you would be aware, the NSW Police have closed their investigation. The Police are impartial, independent experts in these serious and sensitive issues.

Equality before the law means every Australian should face the same legal processes as any other Australian. On that basis, I see no justification for any judicial inquiry outside the justice system that might be set up by me or any other politician.

Australia has competent and authorised agencies to deal with these matters, both through the police and through the courts – and assessments of these matters should remain in their hands.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison', with a stylized, cursive script.

SCOTT MORRISON