



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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Dear Warwick,

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate you and your colleagues in Praise Corroboree for having conducted such a well organised and highly successful event in Parliament House. I was fortunate, as you know, to attend the opening ceremony and see for myself the joy and delight among the participants at being present at such a wonderful event. Regrettably my schedule did not permit me to return to the Great Hall to see the continuation of the event but I did contact June Ey on Friday and again today to hear how well the event had gone. Ms Ey was laudatory in her comments on how well the Praise Corroboree had been run and was grateful for the great cooperation which existed between your organisation and the staff of the Parliament.

As you know there were a number of obstacles which had to be surmounted before you could actually stage the Praise Corroboree event and it is a measure of your doggedness and persistence that the event in the Great Hall came to fruition. I am sorry that there were difficulties in finalising arrangements but in the end we were able to provide a satisfactory outcome because of a spirit of compromise between you and your organisers and our own bureaucrats. I would also pay particular tribute to Pastor Peter Walker whose calm tones and decisive views helped bring about a good result.

Once again, my congratulations on staging such a successful event. I am pleased that with the exception of a brief period on Saturday night, the weather was kind to you

Yours sincerely

MARGARET REID