

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF AUSTRALIA
ON THE OCCASION OF AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL DAY
JANUARY 26, 2012

Dear Governor-General:

On behalf of the people of the United States, I offer my warm congratulations to you and the Australian people on Australia Day this January 26.

As I noted when I visited Australia in November, the U.S.-Australia alliance has served as an anchor of stability, security, and prosperity in the world for six decades. Our peoples and united by history, and our uniformed personnel have served side by side in every major conflict since World War 1.

The United States and Australia are also joined by deep economic, cultural and people-to-people ties. Our two nations share an abiding commitment to human rights and democratic values, and a readiness to support those values around the world. As you celebrate your national day, know that the United States stands with you in friendship now and in the future.

I wish all Australians a safe and happy holiday celebration and continued peace and prosperity in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Barack Obama