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Dear Mr Ryan

I refer to your letter to the Premier dated 10 March 2009 concerning the future of Malabar Headland. The Premier has asked me to thank you for your letter and reply on his behalf.

The future of Malabar Headland has been of interest to the NSW Government for a number of years and during that time the government has actively campaigned for the entire headland to be returned to the people of NSW for preservation and use as public open space.

Following the federal election in November 2007 and the subsequent change of government, the NSW Government wrote to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation reaffirming its position and confirmed its support for the Federal Labor Government's policy to transfer Malabar Headland to the NSW State Government.

However, it must be emphasised the responsibility for the relocation of the shooters that utilise the Anzac Rifle Range on Malabar Headland lies with the Australian Government. The NSW Government has assured the Commonwealth of its continued support in providing whatever assistance it can in relocating the shooters and also with facilitating the transfer of the property.

Initial discussions between Commonwealth/State officials has confirmed the commitment to working cooperatively to achieve optimal outcomes for all key stakeholders and the NSW Government looks forward to assisting the Commonwealth with progressing the transfer of the entire headland to the people of NSW.

If you require any further information please contact Christine Pedder, Project Manager, Department of Premier and Cabinet, on telephone 9228 4606 or email [Christine.pedder@dpc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Christine.pedder@dpc.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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