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Dear ACL Supporter,

The last Victorian letter in July posed the question "when will the Federal Election be held?" Now as I write this letter, the election has been held and a minority Gillard Government is in place following weeks of negotiations with Independents.

With a Government at last in place the work of the ACL will come into even sharper focus. A minority government, of whatever flavour, will be subjected to pressures from many quarters. We will work hard to make sure that commitments made prior to the election are kept and that radical agendas, often hidden or not given much attention during the campaign, are not rushed through as a reward for "deals" done.

Moving to State issues, the Victorian Election due on 27th November 2010 is fast approaching. Early polls indicate a safe return for Labor with John Brumby being elected Premier in his own right for the first time (remember he was appointed by the ALP after Steve Bracks resigned).

Despite the raft of controversial legislation passed by this government (abortion, stem cell research and lesbian IVF to name but a few) and the range of crises such as MYKI, the desalination plant, North-South Pipeline and the Windsor Hotel affair, most Victorians seem content to leave things in the hands of the Labor Party.

The Opposition can only be described as having been less than effective in taking advantage of the woes and difficulties of the present Government. From a Christian perspective it has been disappointing to see the Opposition leadership fail to take a real lead in opposing changes such as the abortion law. We are pleased, however, to have the commitment of the Liberal Party to deal with the more troubling aspects of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 should they be elected.

One concerning possible outcome of the November election is that the Greens could gain significant numbers in both Houses. We will be working hard to ensure that Christians have an accurate view of the policies of ALL parties running up to this important election.

As always, we covet your prayers.

*How exquisite your love, O God! How eager we are to run under your wings,
(Psa 36:7 Message Bible)*

Kind regards,

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