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Dear ACL Supporter,

February already! What a tumultuous few months we have experienced across the country with floods, cyclones and bushfires; it seems nobody is unaffected, from those losing loved ones through to those whose lives have been disrupted economically through job losses or rising prices.

We give thanks that the loss of life was not as great as first feared and for the generous spirit that has risen to see lives, homes, roads and businesses rebuilt. It makes me proud to be an Australian.

For all of that my mind has turned to the preamble to our Australian Constitution which reads in part "humbly relying on the blessings of Almighty God". The fury of the wind, rain and flames could well serve to remind us all of our true source of life and strength, our loving and all-powerful God.

Here in Victoria, of course, we have seen a change in government. It has been suggested that the tide in the November election turned when the Coalition leader, Ted Baillieu, announced they would not be preferencing the Greens. As a result, the Greens gained not a single lower house seat and no new upper house seats. This principled stand by the Coalition was supported and appreciated by Victorians who had seen the reality of the "Green Monster" in Canberra and stopped the supposed "greenslide" in its tracks.

Now the challenge is to see that the commitments made prior to the election are followed through. Equal opportunity changes, Charter of Rights, funding for independent (largely faith-based) schools are on the list. We will be working hard to see the abortion issue revisited as well, winding back the awful changes passed in 2008.

Federally of course we see gay marriage before us, a renewed push for euthanasia, and it gets even more complicated when the composition of the Senate changes in July. Pray for wisdom for Jim Wallace and Lyle Shelton as they are on the front line, so to speak, in Canberra.

February marks four years for me at the helm of ACL in Victoria. What a ride. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in prayer and of course financially over that time. We now have a serious presence on the Victorian political scene, one that will help see Christian values and principles more and more evident in the years ahead. Again thank you for your support.

Kind regards,



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