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TO: SENATORS AND MEMBERS AND OTHER BUILDING OCCUPANTS

**Protest on Monday and Tuesday, 22-23 August 2011
—Access to Parliament House**

- 1 A planned protest by the National Road Freighters involving a truck and vehicle convoy is scheduled to arrive in Canberra this weekend and, culminate in a protest at Parliament House on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 August 2011.
- 2 The Australian Federal Police have been working with the organisers of the event to maintain access to Parliament House for Senators, Members, other building occupants and visitors.
- 3 Nevertheless, on Monday and Tuesday next week, it will be advisable to allow for extra travel time to Parliament House. Up to date traffic information is also expected to be available through local radio stations.
- 4 It is expected that the protest will attract a large number of people to Federation Mall. At times there may be long queues of people entering Parliament House via the public entrance. In order to manage pedestrian safety in this area, the Parliament Drive “link road” across the tip of Federation Mall will be closed from 6am to approximately 6pm on both days.
- 5 During the road closure periods, vehicles wishing to access the visitors car park from Commonwealth Avenue should be able to do so by either:
 - (a) turning right on to Parliament Drive and proceeding around the building; or
 - (b) proceeding down the full length of Federation Mall and entering the car park via the eastern entrance.
- 6 Access to the visitors car park from Melbourne Avenue or Kings Avenue should be unaffected. Through traffic that would normally use the link road will be re-directed through the visitors car park (west bound) or via Federation Mall (east bound).
- 7 For further information, please contact Mr Murray Thompson, Director Security on (02) 6277 4701, or murray.thompson@aph.gov.au.

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Secretary