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Longeranong Street, Farrer, 2607

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Mr Peter Whalan?
Deputy Chief Minister
ACT Legislative Assembly
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

The Farrer Pre-School Parent Association has asked me to write to you to express our astonishment at your proposal that a commemorative medallion be presented to school children to mark the establishment of the Australian Capital Territory government.

Without going into a lengthy and obvious explanation of why this event should not be commemorated, we must loudly protest about the cost of such a project at this particular time when the financing of education in the ACT has been severely and unnecessarily reduced.

We have already written a separate letter about the proposed reductions in the education budget.

These medallions must have cost tax payers thousands of dollars. This extravagance cannot be condoned in the present economic climate of restraint.

Yours faithfully,



J. PARDY
PRESIDENT
FARRER PRESCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION





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Dear Ms Pardy

I refer to your letter to the Chief Minister of 30 September 1989 concerning commemorative medallions.

I have been asked to let you know that the commemorative medallions were intended as a gift to all school children in the ACT from the Commonwealth Government. The medallions were funded by the Commonwealth and were not part of the ACT Budget.

Commemorative medallions have been given to school children on other occasions to mark important historical events. The medallions therefore are a token to mark the advent of self government and a record for each school student to remember this part of their own personal history.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Moiya Haynes".

Moiya Haynes
Senior Private Secretary



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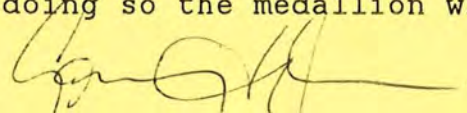
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

I am sorry that Brigita Benzjak considers the medallions given to students to commemorate Self Government in the ACT "useless, unwanted and unnecessary" (CT Letters, March 17). The medallions were offered as a gift to the children of the ACT from the Commonwealth Government (not the ACT Government) as an item of memorabilia from a chapter in the history of their city/state and of Australia. It was a thoughtful gesture, and I urge Brigita to keep both her medallion and her letter to the editor, as I warrant that, on finding them among her possessions in a few years time, the memories they invoke will bring an involuntary smile to her lips. In doing so the medallion will serve its purpose.


Gary Humphries, MLA
Minister for Health, Education, and the Arts