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Subject: RE: Rhonda Daniels, Secretary ANPSA - RE: Please use Australian native flora in official engagements [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Mr Aitkin

I thank you for your email to the Governor-General. His Excellency has asked me to reply to you on his behalf.

Wherever resources and supplies permit, the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General aims to use native flora in its arrangements at Government House Canberra and Admiralty House Sydney.

It should be noted that non-native options are appropriate for some events and on some occasions and will be used in those specific instances, e.g. State lunches when we are trying to match colours to visiting countries flags.

Yours sincerely,

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Subject

Please use Australian native flora in official engagements

Message

Governor-General, Australia

Your Excellency,

Please use Australian native flora in official engagements

I am writing on behalf of the Australian Native Plants Society (Australia) to ask you to consider using Australian native flora in your official engagements at Government House.

The engagements of the Governor-General, such as the swearing in of ministers, are well publicised and photographs and video of events are part of the public record. This provides an ideal opportunity to promote and celebrate our beautiful and unique Australian native flora.

The Australian Native Plants Society (Australia), representing the state-based member societies with over 5,000 passionate members, lobbied successfully to ensure the use of Australian flowers in the bouquets to medal winners at the

Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000, over 20 years ago. This was a high-profile opportunity to promote our Australian flora to a wide audience, both in Australia and overseas.

Similarly, Government House should be a national showcase for our flora, both in cut flower arrangements and in the gardens. There are several institutions in Canberra, such as the Australian National Botanic Gardens, which showcase the diversity and beauty of Australian native plants that grow in Canberra's climatic conditions, and can provide advice on Australian natives.

We look forward to your greater use of Australian native flora.

Yours sincerely,

John Aitken

President, Australian Native Plants Society (Australia)

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