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**TREASURER**

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Dear Ms Wood

Thank you for your correspondence on 8 December 2023 concerning a request for an extension to the date of delivery of the Productivity Commission's final report of the *Review of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap* (the Review).

I note that the terms of reference for the Review require the Productivity Commission to provide its final report to Joint Council on Closing the Gap by the end of 2023. I also note your advice that the Commission had planned to deliver the report to Joint Council members on 20 December 2023, and release the report publicly on 18 January 2024.

Further, I acknowledge that on 6 December 2023, the Commission received a request from the Joint Council to delay the delivery and public release of the final report by 4-6 weeks. This delay would give Joint Council members a better opportunity to consider the final report before it is publicly released.

On this basis, I agree that the Productivity Commission should provide the final report to Joint Council no later than 24 January 2024, and release the report publicly no later than 7 February 2024.

I have copied this letter to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Indigenous Australians.

Thank you again for your letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a long horizontal line that tapers to the right.

The Hon Jim Chalmers MP

CC: The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister  
The Hon Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians