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The Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia  
Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO  
Government House  
Canberra ACT 2600  
Australia

Dear Ms Bryce,

we would very much like to congratulate you on Australia's High Court decision on the rightfulness of plain packaging and express our deepfelt joy about the introduction of plain packaging for cigarettes in Australia by December 2012. We believe this decision to be notably courageous and to set an example that will be followed worldwide.

Forum Rauchfrei is a non government organization, working for non-smokers' rights and the reduction of the use of tobacco in Germany. We have been eagerly awaiting the court's decision in your country, as we hope, it will add some momentum to the discussion of plain packaging here in Europe. As the German government to us seems rather reluctant, to implement the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, we find the Australian example very elating. So let us say thank you for taking a leading role in the fight for a tobacco-free world.

Yours sincerely

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