# LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

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Dear Mr O'Mara

I'm writing to let you know that I will be in Ballan on Wednesday 30 May.

As I visit regional Australia, I am aware of a wide range of issues that are impacting on your daily lives. I want to hear your views on these issues as the Labor Party prepares its policies for the future.

The impact of the GST is an issue I often hear about. I also know that regional Australia is doing it tough under John Howard. Hundreds of bank branches and post offices have closed, doctor and nurse numbers have dwindled, and fuel is more expensive.

Your views on these matters are important to me and I'd like to meet you.

That's why I've asked Senator Kim Carr and Labor's Federal Candidate for Ballarat, Catherine King, to organise an afternoon tea on:

**Wednesday 30th May 2001**
**2.45pm**
**Ballan Mechanics Institute,**
**Inglis Street, Ballan.**

If you would like to come along, please contact the office of **Senator Kim Carr** on freecall **1800 673 169**. If there are other people you think would like to attend, I'd appreciate it if you could give their details to Senator Carr's office too.

I look forward to meeting you and hearing your views about what your community needs and deserves.

Yours sincerely

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