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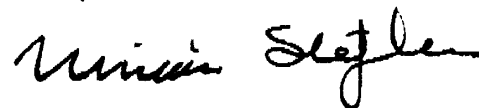
Dear Ms. MacGregor,

Thank you for your letter of 20th July and the copy of the excellently reasoned submission which accompanied it.

I read with great interest what it said about the general question of repeal of section 17 and the difficulties which the operation of section 44(1) of the Constitution involves.

This was familiar ground to me but the other matters which the submission discusses, dealt with in its sections 3 to 6, raised some aspects which were new to me. I will await the development of the whole debate with great interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ninian Stephen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.