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Dear Mr Crane

Jim

Thank you for your letter of 27 June 2019 regarding my reappointment as the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology. I am delighted to be reappointed to this role and to continue serving in the Morrison Government.

My portfolio plays a critical role in driving our economy, creating new industries, supporting more jobs, and improving our quality of life. I look forward to working collaboratively with the industry, science and technology communities to grow these sectors over the next three years and beyond, and deliver benefits to all Australians.

I recognise the important economic contribution to jobs and the economy the sugar milling industry makes to regional Australia.

The Australian Government is aware of the global sugar supply pressures impacting the Australian sugar industry and the potential for Australia's sugar industry to take advantage of diversification options. While the Government recognises your concerns around the Sugar Code of Conduct (the Code), I note that the 2018 review by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources found the Code had strong capacity to provide clear avenues for dispute resolution, supporting productive industry contracting and negotiation. The Code will be reviewed again in another two years to assess its continued efficacy.

Thank you for your offer to meet with me. Please contact my diary manager by email at Andrews.Invites@industry.gov.au to organise a meeting.

Thank you again for your well wishes.

Yours sincerely

Karen Andrews

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