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Dear Mrs How Martyn

I must apologise deeply to you for not making a date to discuss the subject you mentioned in your letter some time ago but at a moment's notice I had to rush off to the country with evacuee children and have been there ever since until a few weeks ago and unfortunately had not your address with me as I had thought, or I should certainly have written to you.

Then on arriving home, - worn out I assure you as I had to work like a charwoman all the time- I found my husband disabled through a lorry colliding with his taxi into town. Had just got him on his feet, when my son came home from the University and collapsed with pneumonia(I very nearly lost him).

Only now, am I taking up again the thread of things.

Now, I don't know whether the Womens Justices Association has invited you as a guest of honour to their Twenty First reunion at David Jones (Barrack St) next Monday Twenty Second Inst at two thirty P M, but whether they have or they have not, will you be there, if only as my guest.

This event, I feel is one of extraordinary importance in the Women's Movement as it is just twenty one years ago next Monday or thereabouts, that woman received here in backward Australia public office of any kind in the creating of women justices of the Peace.

Mrs Byrnes a very aged lady now was the founder of the Association and Miss Preston Stanley (Now Crawford Vaughan) was the first president, she who was our first woman in Parliament. However you will have gathered, how much political bias retards the Womens Movement here. Almost as much as religious bias.

Sincerely yrs

Maudie Matheson - Lines