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Dear Miss Toka

Thank you for your further correspondence to the Minister for Transport and Roads about the Aboriginal flag flown on Sydney Harbour Bridge. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I appreciate your comments about this matter and your concerns for the recent bushfire victims.

As previously advised, there are only two flagpoles on top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The eastern pole is used for the Australian national flag and the western pole for the State flag. This is carried out in accordance with current protocol managed by the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

To construct a third flagpole would require major structural upgrades. This would be very costly and unfeasible with the new arch gantry project now under way.

Regarding the recent bushfires, it is an extremely difficult time for so many people across our State. Those worst affected by this bushfire disaster have recounted how grateful they are for all of the love and support. The NSW Government is committed to ensuring we do everything possible to help our communities rebuild and recover.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Minister.

Yours sincerely

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