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Councillor Sophie Ramsey  
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Dear Councillor Ramsey

Thank you for your letter dated 6 July 2017 regarding the posthumous promotion of General Sir John Monash GCMG KCB VD to the rank of Field Marshal. The Prime Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

General Monash was a remarkable Australian and unquestionably one of the outstanding commanders of the First World War. It is fitting that Australians of the 21<sup>st</sup> century continue to remember and honour his pivotal leadership of the many thousands of allied soldiers that served under him in that war.

The Commonwealth Government acknowledges the wartime accomplishments of General Monash and is considering its response to proposals concerning the enduring recognition of this great Australian military leader.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. McGrath'.

JAMES MCGRATH

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