

15th April 1972

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter of 14/3/72. It sounds like you will have a large and enthusiastic gathering with many able speakers. At some appropriate time you may read the following:

To the Great Lakes Astronomical League and Symposium,
Greetings from the Antipodes.

Solar activity is slowly declining. I have consulted the sunspot numbers and predict a very favorable circumstance for making hectometer wave radio astronomy observations. The exact date is still unclear. However the years 1974 thru 1977 appear most auspicious. This opportunity will produce lower electron densities in the ionosphere for more hours on more nites over more months than any similar time in the previous history of radio astronomy.

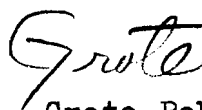
To take advantage of this outstanding situation, I am reorganizing and expanding my old installation near Bothwell, which is 55 miles northwest of Hobart. The observing wavelength will be increased by an octave from the old value of 144 meters. When the results are in, I suspect they will support the concept of an "Endless, Boundless, Stable Universe".

Next year I'll have a further progress report. In the mean time, best wishes for a lively and successful convention.

Grote Reber

The Tasmanian Devil a a rather common nocturnal animal and is not often seen. If aroused during the day, he acts drowsey and resents being disturbed. He is apparently a clumsy creature, but very quick of movement. Dogs will not bother him.

Best wishes,



Grote Reber