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Dear Maria,

In October this year I attended the National History Teachers' Conference in Sydney as a representative of the ACT History Teachers' Committee. Amongst the sessions I attended was the one in which you gave a paper entitled *The second Gallipoli: the Battle for Greece and Crete - diversion or disaster?* I found this of particular interest not only because of your lively presentation and meticulous research, but because of the potential it revealed for the study of the topic at senior secondary level.

This is an area largely neglected in school texts but one which should fascinate students of Australian History and in fact one which should encourage them to study the subject. A recent survey conducted at the University of Canberra revealed a desire on the part of history teachers for more professional development in Australian History (this is now being addressed by our Association) and for more appropriate texts. With its emphasis on historiography and the use of primary source material (including the wonderful photographs), I am sure a publication based on your thesis would fulfil an important role in expanding the knowledge of both teachers and students.

I wish you every success with your project.

Yours sincerely,



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