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## DEAR ALIENS...

Suggestions of text messages to send to aliens as part of National Science Week continue to flow. Federal Science Minister and parliamentary "Baloo" **Kim Carr** plans to transmit the messages to Gliese 581d — the planet nearest Earth most likely to host life.

Readers have suggested these offerings:  
"PLS ask **L Ron Hubbard** to call. He must be

out of range. Thks"

"Pls fix solar system. All out of hot water. Thx."

"**Michael Jackson** is dead, could you pls collect ur rubbish. Thks, Earth."

Of course, the biggest cosmic question is why are we bothering to spam far-off planets with texts in the first place?

