



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
CHIEF OF STAFF

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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Jones *Damien*

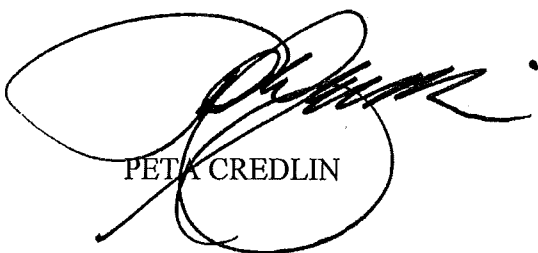
Thank you for the opportunity to respond to a possible matter of privilege associated with an email that has been tabled with other documents in a matter before the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC). I have returned from an overseas visit with the Prime Minister today but understand from you that the Speaker would like my comments prior to her consideration and response to the Commissioner tomorrow.

I am aware of an email from me regarding the carbon tax and Brickworks, a company that is one of Australia's largest manufacturers of bricks, dated 1 March 2011. In the email sent to me, I am asked to note the concern of the Managing Director, Mr Lindsay Partridge that the carbon tax would be damaging to the competitiveness of his business. My response [at 9.34pm on 1 March 2011] says that the concerns of Brickworks would be something the then Opposition would be interested in highlighting in Question Time the following day but that I would appreciate his contact details so that I might seek his permission before using his business information publicly.

A reply was sent by Mr Partridge the following day on 2 March 2011 which provides further examples of alleged commercial harm that would be associated with the carbon tax.

Ahead of any consideration you might make regarding privilege, I have no objection to this email, as outlined in this letter, being made public.

Yours sincerely



PETA CREDLIN