Dear Jo,

Thanks for this email in relation to me being the subject of an 'adverse comment' in a submission to the Senate Inquiry.

Could you please pass on the following message to the members of the inquiry on my behalf?

Lo! I have been found out and my views on trade have clearly been exposed. I do have to confess to being part of a world-wide conspiracy to support an open liberal trading system, which places me in league along with other dangerous leftists such as US President George W. Bush; the US Trade Representative, Ms Susan Schwab; the Director General of the World Trade Organization, Pascal Lamy; the former Australian Prime Minister, John Howard and the former Australian Trade Minister, Mark Vaile; and the present Australian Trade Minister, Simon Crean.

Regards, Ann Capling

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