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**RE: Parliamentary Privilege**

**1. Procedures to be observed by Senate Committees for the protection of witness.**

*(13) Where evidence is given which reflects adversely on a person and action of the kind referred to in paragraph (12) is not taken in respect of the evidence, the committee shall provide reasonable opportunity for that person to have access to that evidence and to respond to that evidence by written submission and appearance before the committee.*

Dear Senator Eggleston,

I wish to exercise my right to respond to allegations directed towards me by Mr. Mark Peters, CEO of the Australian Sports Commission, in the Senate Committee Hansard for Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee Estimates Thursday, 27 May 2004, Canberra, pages 11 to 16.

I believe I am readily identifiable in Mr. Peter's allegations as I was the individual who spoke publicly on the ABC Fours Corners program March 2004, who was referred to by Mr. Peters in the Hansard. I was critical of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) investigation procedures and policies in drugs in sport matter that I first raised in July 2002.

Mr. Peters, questioned my "mixed motive" for raising my concerns, after I met with Mr. Peters and two senior managers of the AIS/ASC (witnessed by Peter McGrath of Chamberlains Law Firm May 7th 2004), where I was told that no insinuations or allegations about my motives, intentions or integrity in bringing forward documentations pertaining to a possible breach in the anti doping code, had ever been made against me by management in the ASC. Three weeks later, Mr. Peters alleges, that

*"I am aware of only one person – a disgruntled person – who had a number of motives that we believe were present in the allegations..."* I believe that Mr. Peters has received a letter of formal of concern from the ASC investigating officer several weeks before he made these allegations in the Senate Estimates to impugn me.

*"I find it very sad that one individual is able to destroy the integrity and will of those people. We are still spending a lot of time trying to help some of those people."* Mark Peters

As a highly ethical psychologist and a drugs in sport educator, these allegations are most serious and totally unfounded. At the Administrative Appeals Tribunal conciliation meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the ASC was given eight weeks to redo my Freedom of Information Application pertaining to this matter, as their previous efforts portrayed a lack of transparency & process in processing my request. I believe the Australian Psychological Society has written a letter to Senator Kemp raising their concerns about Peter's misuse of Parliamentary Privilege to impugn one of their members. I request an opportunity to stand before the Senate and respond to Mr. Peter's false allegations against the manner in which I processed documents pertaining to a drugs in sport investigation.

Yours Respectfully,  
Gayelene Clews

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004

