



26 May 2008

Committee Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
Department of the Senate
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached our original submission to the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet following the release of the Exposure Draft of the Government's Lobbying Code of Conduct.

In that submission we congratulated the Government for seeking more transparent procedures to promote trust, integrity and honesty in the political and public policy environment as well as the government process.

We noted that the draft Lobbying Code of Conduct was a significant step forward. However, important additional reforms could have been incorporated to better achieve the desired outcome of enhanced transparency, public confidence and integrity.

These were:

- the need give the Code of Conduct legislative force;
- expansion of its application to cover all Members of Parliament;
- changes to definitions relating to lobbyists and lobbying activities; and
- expansion of the reporting requirements.

As the Code of Conduct proposed by the Government and tabled in the Senate on 13 May 2008 has not adopted the recommendations in our original submission, we would submit our recommendations again to the Senate for its consideration and adoption.

Should you have any queries or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Grau".

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