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Yours sincerely

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From: Gerard Reilly
Sent: Sunday, 27 April 2014 12:57 PM
To: Lynette Keep
Cc: Media Unit
Subject: Re: QPIF_EDOCS_n2794945_LTE_The_Australian_re_Queensland_Nickel_(Version_2)_24042014.docx

Hi Lyn

This looks fine. Happy for it to come from DG.

Gerard

Sent from my iPhone

> On 27 Apr 2014, at 12:23 pm, "Lynette Keep" <Lynette.Keep@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:
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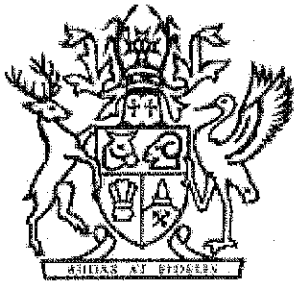
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Sent: Monday, 28 April 2014 9:40 AM
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Subject: Minister Powell doorstep
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Hi guys,

Please see transcript attached.

Cheers,
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What do you think about Clive Palmer's growing empire?

Well Mr Palmer spends a lot of money on an election campaign; my preference would be that he spent that same amount of money on fixing his Nickel Refinery and also fixing the Coolum resort.

He's certainly growing in influence though isn't he?

Again, it would be great to see him use that influence to safeguard Qld jobs and also protect the environment.

What's the latest re the inspections of the refinery?

Inspections have largely been completed, the tests have been independently analysed. Unfortunately with all the public holidays we have had there has been a little bit of frustration in timing and we should have those this week.

Are you surprised Palmer has said he's going to sue the Premier?

Again, my preference would be that Mr Palmer spent his time and money and influence in correcting issues at this Nickel Refinery and the Coolum resort on the Sunshine Coast.

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