

Subject: For the Prime Minister please

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Dear Prime Minister,

I know that the presumption of innocence operates in your favour and that you are an innocent person, but you are making yourself look very bad in my eyes.

I wrote to you the other day to tell you that the man whose donation of a Specific Power of Attorney to your boyfriend Bruce Wilson reckons that the document is a false document. He says he signed it in Perth after the date that Bruce bought the house in Fitzroy. He says you weren't there when he signed it.

I don't know whether you continue to value your reputation as you did in the past but you didn't refute his allegation. I asked you to let me know whether Ralph is telling the truth or not and you said nothing. So as it stands the unchallenged public record is that the man at the centre of the donation of his power of attorney says, that your claim to witnessing it is false.

Then Mark Burke went over to Seattle to have a yarn with one of your former partners Nick Styant-Browne, a man to whom you owed an obligation to act in the utmost good faith in matters concerning your role as an officer of the court at Slater and Gordon. Nick seems to have felt you'd let him down in living up to that obligation. So much that Nick has kept a lot of personal aide-memoire material about the time he was in partnership with you at work. After speaking with Nick and having a look at whatever was on Nick's desk, Mark Baker wrote a report that was in a lot of the papers here saying that you wrote a letter of comfort to the Western Australian Commissioner for Corporate Affairs to confirm the legitimacy of the Australian Workers' Union Workplace Reform Association.

So another pretty simple question Prime Minister. Do you want to correct the public record or is Mark Baker's story accurate? Did you write a letter to confirm the legitimacy of the AWU-WRA or not?

You are putting a lot of people to a lot of expense and enquiry when you could clear it all up.

I understand that you may not wish to incriminate yourself any further and that you may be happy simply to leave this up to the authorities. I suppose your decision depends on how you wish to be remembered and the example you would like to make to young people, many of whom admire you for your achievement in reaching the office of Prime Minister.

I am the father of 3 daughters. I hope that each of my girls will value the truth and their duty to others (for one of my girls earthly obligations are at a peaceful end). You have an obligation ma'am that goes beyond your obligation to your political party or to yourself. Whether you really know it or whether you deeply appreciate the significance of it or not, you are a very public model of behaviour to whose example many young people will aspire.

If you have done wrong then I would hope that you would save them from the dreadful spectacle of seeing it dragged out, piece by piece. You would destroy much, much more than your own career.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Smith