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By email

RE: Misfeasance in Public Office

To Adj Prof Langham,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the United Australia Party which is represented in the Senate. I refer to your letter dated 23rd of March 2023, written to Dr Melissa McCann (copy attached).

Dr McCann was an invited guest at the Australian Covid-19 Vaccines Conferences held between the 10th and 13th of February 2023, political conferences, attended by members of the Australian Senate and large numbers of our party membership. In Sydney it was chaired by former member of the House of Representatives Craig Kelly, and in Melbourne it was chaired by United Australia Party, Senator Ralph Babet.

I also attended the conference and am a former member of the House of Representatives. I note that Dr McCann had also made submissions to the House Parliamentary Standing Committee for Health, Aged Care and Sport inquiry into *Long COVID and Repeated COVID Infections*. Dr McCann has met with Senator Babet and her views have been promoted to a number of Senators inter alia from Liberal, Labor One Nation parties and the United Australia Party.

Our party has published Dr McCann's presentation at the Australian Covid-19 Vaccine Conference and you will be pleased to know it had over 100,000 views. It is a matter of great public political importance.

There is serious concern that the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is trying to shut down legitimate political debate which is justifiably critical of the TGA and those working in it, including yourself and your former colleague John Skerritt.

Dr McCann's submission before the Committee Inquiry into Long COVID and Repeated COVID Infections is an important submission which has been published by the committee. For you to personally seek to impose a sanction upon Dr McCann for her expressing her political position is contempt of the House of Representatives. It may well be that the Australian Senate will want you to explain your position by appearing before it.

Dr McCann is also chair of our party's Health and Policy Committee. Dr McCann's material is available to all members of the Federal Parliament and I am aware that it is being actively debated. The High Court of Australia has made it abundantly clear in its judgements that all Australians possess the right of political free speech. Your letter seeks to limit that right and prejudice our party's activities.

I find it offensive in the extreme and clearly written outside any legitimate power. It is a serious misfeasance in public office and one which you are personally liable. It is clear that you are acting beyond power.

I have therefore requested Senator Babet and other Australian senators to take whatever action in the Senate they deem appropriate to protect our party's and member's rights, to political free speech.

Our party has offered Dr McCann financial support to pursue you personally in the courts for the unlawful damage you are seeking to impose on her for her exercising her right of political free speech.

We would likewise offer her financial support to pursue any individual, regardless of their position, who seeks to improperly use their position to harm, bully or damage a person for exercising a right which has been enshrined in the Australian Constitution and confirmed by the High Court of Australia.

I don't see any limit on that support either in amount or time. There is currently a motion before our executive committee that this party itself commence an action against you personally for the unlawful threat made to our members.

Before that issue is decided, in accordance with natural justice, I offer you the opportunity to appear before our party committee dealing with this matter and offer an explanation. Please advise within 14 days from the date of this correspondence if you wish to appear, and/or, if you wish to have your legal representatives appear on your behalf.

Yours faithfully,

Clive Palmer
Chairman
United Australia Party

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