

Submission

No 2

**INQUIRY INTO THE 2009 MT PENNY RETURN TO  
ORDER**

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Dear Sir,

I write in response to a letter received from the Hon Trevor Khan MLC, Chair of the Legislative Council Privileges Committee, inviting me to make a submission in relation to the Committee's inquiry into the 2009 Mt Penny return to order.

According to Mr Khan's letter, I have been invited to make a submission in my capacity as a former employee of the office of the Honourable Ian Macdonald MLC.

According to the Committee's recently published report, *Possible non-compliance with the 2009 Mt Penny order for papers*, the Legislative Council agreed to a motion for an order for the production of papers in relation to the Mt Penny mining exploration license and tender process on 12 November 2009. The report further states that a return to order was received by the Clerk from the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) and tabled in the House on 26 November 2009.

At no time on or between these dates was I employed in Mr Macdonald's office, nor was I an employee of any NSW Government Minister or Department.

For the information of the Committee, during this time I was not employed, having only recently returned to New South Wales after spending most of 2009 in the United States.

The Committee should be aware that I resigned my position in Mr Macdonald's office on 21 December 2008 and that I did not return to the employment of the NSW Government until the end of December 2009.

While I remain happy to assist the committee in any way possible, I do not believe I have any knowledge of either the circumstances that lead to the failure to produce documents, or indeed what information, if any, was withheld from the Parliament.

I am happy for this correspondence to be released as per the usual committee processes. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the inquiry.

Yours faithfully,



Jason Stewart