



Jane Howlett

Liberal Member for Lyons



31 August 2026

Ms Mary de Groot
Secretary
House of Assembly Select Committee on Caretaker Conventions
By Email: caretaker@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Secretary

I refer to your letter dated 24 August, 2026 in relation to my appearance with the Committee on Friday 14th August.

Please find below answers to your two questions:

- 1. During your time as Minister for Racing, was it common practice for staff of CorComms, a PR company hired by Tasracing, including Mr Nick Turner, to contact yourself or your former-Ministerial Office seeking policy confirmation, or other relevant information, for Tasracing communications?**

It was not uncommon for representatives of Tasracing including CorComm to communicate with me as minister and my office, in relation to various racing related matters, including policy matters if required.

- 2. Please provide the Committee with your text message correspondence with Ms Sharee Minnikin-Smith regarding the 22 March 2024 email to constituents on the Tasman Peninsula, sent from her Parliament email address, as referenced during the hearing.**

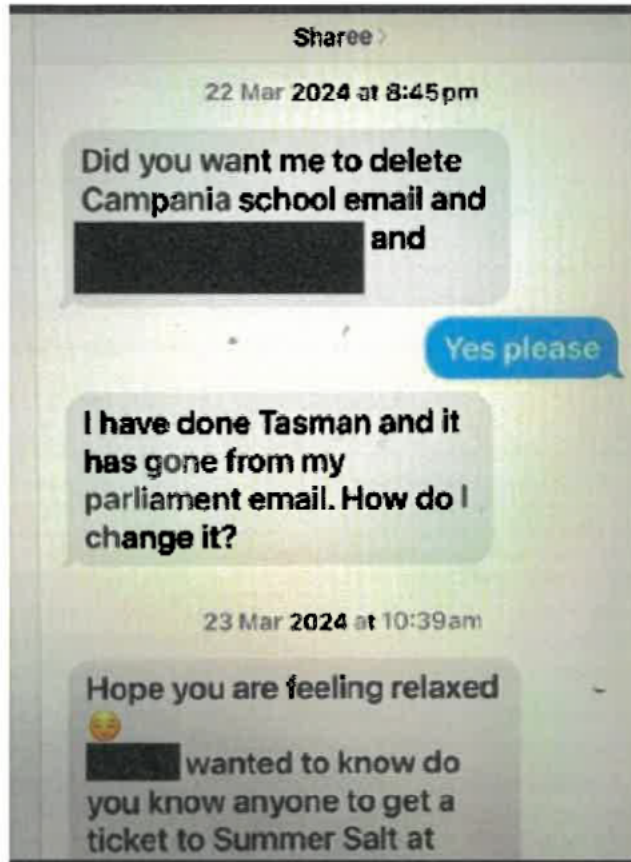
A copy of the text message is below for your information with private names redacted.



Jane Howlett

Liberal Member for **Lyons**

Tasmanian
Liberals



I trust this information is of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely



Jane Howlett MP
Liberal Member for Lyons

Jane Howlett MP | Liberal Member for Lyons

📍 32 Cole St, Sorell TAS 7172 ☎ 03 6165 9415



JaneHowlettForLyons