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Mr Tong,

WARNING - FAILURE TO LODGE DECLARATION WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME

The New South Wales Electoral Commission ("the Electoral Commission") is responsible for ensuring compliance with and enforcement of the provisions of the *Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Act 1981* ("the Act") and the *Election Funding, Expenditure and Disclosures Regulation 2009.*

Section 91 of the Act requires the disclosure of political donations made by political donors. A donor (either an individual or an entity) who has made a political donation totalling or exceeding \$1,000 during the period 01 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 is required to disclose this donation to the Electoral Commission in the form of a declaration.

Records held by the Electoral Commission show that in the disclosure period 01 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 you made a reportable political donation to a political party, elected member, group, candidate or third-party campaigner in NSW. Therefore you had an obligation pursuant to section 91 of the Act to lodge a declaration as a political donor. The declaration was required to be lodged no later than 20 October 2015.

This Warning Notice is to alert you that the Electoral Commission has not received the declaration. A person who fails to lodge a declaration is guilty of an offence under the Act.

If the declaration is not received at the Electoral Commission by 09 September 2016, this warning will be taken to be replaced with an official Caution for apparent failure to lodge. An official Caution is issued in place of a Penalty Notice in the first instance. The Penalty Notice amount for failing to lodge a declaration by the due date is \$1,100.

If you believe you have lodged the declaration for the period 01 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, or you believe you do not have an obligation to lodge a declaration for that period, please contact the Electoral Commission by telephone on 1300 022 011 or email fdc@elections.nsw.gov.au.

Signed

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