



**Legislative Assembly for the
Australian Capital Territory**

Select Committee on Privileges 2026

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Dear Dr McNeill

Inquiry—Possible contempt of the Assembly—Evidence given by Dr McNeill during Inquiry into the CIT CEO recruitment process

On 6 May 2026, the Assembly established a Select Committee on Privileges 2026 to examine potential parliamentary privilege issues relating to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration's inquiry into the CIT CEO recruitment process and in particular whether:

"Dr McNeill is in contempt of the Assembly by giving false and misleading evidence to the Committee, failing to produce documents and any other related matters."

Section 24 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cwth) provides the Assembly with the same privileges and immunities as the House of Representatives. Under standing order 277 of the Assembly, a breach of those privileges may be regarded as a contempt. In determining whether any action or failure to act amounts to a contempt of the Assembly, the Committee will consider whether the action or failure to act has occurred, if it was done so knowingly, and whether there is a reasonable excuse.

To assist in its deliberations, the Committee orders you to provide any documents in your possession in which TAFE NSW or its representatives purport to restrict your ability to discuss any investigation or proceedings regarding possible misconduct with the Board of CIT or other parties.

The production of documents ordered by the committee form part of proceedings of parliament and are therefore covered by parliamentary privilege. Action by you to produce the documents cannot be used against you to support action in a court or tribunal.

Failure to comply with an order to produce documents to the committee may, without reasonable excuse, itself constitute contempt of the Assembly.

Further, the Committee invites you to provide, by 22 May 2026, any information, including documents and/or a written submission, which you believe is pertinent to the privilege issues under consideration.

The Committee has made no determination at this time as to whether hearings will be necessary.

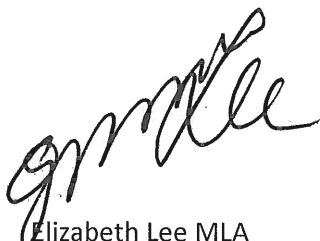
To assist you in responding to this letter please find attached:

- a) a copy of standing order 280: Procedures for protection of witnesses before a Privileges Committee; and

- b) the letter to the Speaker raising the matter of privilege including committee Hansard excerpt and media reporting.

The full details of the terms of reference can be viewed on the Committee's website at www.parliament.act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Lee', written in a cursive style.

Elizabeth Lee MLA
Chair

14 May 2026