



INSULATION COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Mr. Stephen Palethorpe
Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Environment, Communication and the Arts,
Parliament House,
Canberra. ACT 2600.

Friday 30/04/2110.

Dear Mr Palethorpe,

I refer to the attached letter to your email on 28 April 2010 and particular to the quoted extract from *in-camera* evidence given by Mr Kevin Fuller. We do not believe these comments represent ICANZ influence, intentions or actions during the recent Fedederal Government's Home Insulation Program (HIP) and offer the following comments.

ICANZ, like other interests in the Insulation and Building Industry, was surprised and unprepared for the HIP when it was publically annouced in February 2009.

ICANZ was one of many Insulation bodies and Building Industry groups to jointly participate with Government in the ongoing development of the guidelines for the HIP. ICANZ was not treated preferentially.

The key recommendations ICANZ pursued from the beginning to the end of the HIP in February 2010 were

- Introducing and meeting mandatory minimum standards for product quality and correct installation,
- developing a training program that covered all product and installation requirements,
- that all installers to be registered and trained prior to participating in the program,
- for every household to have a site inspection and be required to get a minimum of two independent quotes prior to installing insulation through thr HIP.

ICANZ, along with other local insulation suppliers, sought from the Government a managed roll-out of the program and advocated a strong preference for the program to extend to up to 5 years.

Yours sincerely,

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