

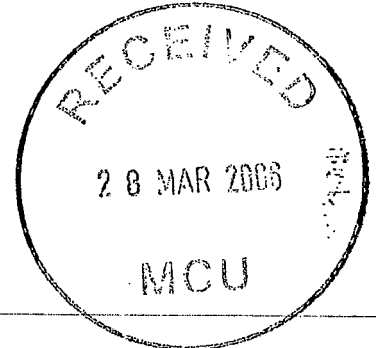
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W.J FRECKLINGTON. O.A.M

[Signature]
20TH March, 2006



THE HON. JOHN HOWARD
PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
CANBERRA.
A.C.T.

Dear Mr Howard

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Jim Frecklington, you may be aware that in 1988 I built the Australian State Coach which was presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as the Bi Centennial gift from the people of Australia.

I have enclosed an album for your perusal which displays photographs and correspondence relating to my past and current works. Also enclosed is a booklet on the new State Coach Britannia which is now nearing completion.

The purpose of this letter is to discuss the possibility of yourself and your Government becoming involved in this project.

The State Coach Britannia has been personally endorsed by Her Majesty as a private initiative and HRH Prince Phillip has also been an advisor on the construction of various aspects of this new vehicle of State.

The last State Coach built for the Royal Family prior to the 1988 Australian State Coach was in 1902 for the Coronation of Edward VII. The average age of the State Coach's made in Britain and kept in the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace, is approximately 130 years old. As you would appreciate the requirements which relate to safety and security have changed greatly during that time.

The new State Coach Britannia has been specifically engineered bearing these factors in mind and therefore making it the safest horse drawn State Coach ever constructed. It has been stated that Coach building of this nature is perhaps one of the worlds rarest art forms and this vehicle could possibly be the last State Coach to be constructed for the British Royal Family.

During the Coach's initial exhibition at the Sydney 2005 Royal Easter Show it was stated that never in the history of Australia has a vehicle such as this, been created. This is due to the extensive use of gold, incorporation of so much of British history, for example the Crown which adorns the roof being made from original timber from the HMS Victory. Other timbers from historic buildings and ships such as the Tower of London, Mary Rose, Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral have been inlaid in the interior of the Coach making it a time capsule of British History.

Many Australians expressed how they felt proud that the vehicle of this caliber could be constructed in Australia and by Australian's.

Due to these factors it has been suggested that the State Coach Britannia be presented by the people of Australia in preference to a private benefactor.

It is envisaged the the new State Coach Britannia will be used by the British Sovereign for hundreds of years to come.

The State Coach Britannia would be far more than a gift to commemorate Her Majesty's upcoming 80th Birthday, but as a symbol of the comradeship, on going alliance and remain a tangible bond between our nations, one of which all Australian's would feel proud.

This vehicle has taken myself and my team in excess of 2 years to construct and has been fully funded by myself at considerable cost.

I look forward to the opportunity to meeting with a representative from your office in order for them to inspect the quality of this vehicle and to discuss this proposal in more detail, with the hope the Australian Government will be willing to offer some financial assistance.

My workshop is located within the grounds of the former School of Artillery at North Head in Manly, N.S.W.

Yours sincerely

 W.J. FRECKLINGTON. O.A.M.

The Prime Minister's availability to launch **ATTACHMENT A**
Stage Coach "Britannia" JH 357

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5 September, 2006

Mr Andrew Kefford *AK 6/ix*
Senior Advisor
Prime Minister's Office
Parliament House
Canberra

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Dear Andrew,

Re: "State Coach, Britannia"

I wish to advise that the building of the State Coach "Britannia" will be completed in early December of this year. Once the Coach is completed it is my intention to officially launch the new vehicle at Government House in Macquarie Street Sydney, where I hope to display the vehicle for a week to ten days.

Whilst in Sydney I would feel very honoured if our Prime Minister, Mr. Howard would consider launching the new State Coach, Britannia. Hopefully a suitable date and time in early December could be arranged through your office to enable this to happen.

After that time, if it is the wish of the Federal Government, the Coach could be brought to Canberra where hopefully it could be displayed in the entrance of the new Parliament House. The Coach can be reduced down to 8ft 6" in height and 7ft 2" in width. Hopefully there is a door into the foyer, which will open to enable entry into the building.

After the Coach has been displayed in Australia it will then be air freighted to London for presentation.

As indicated by yourself, the Federal Government is willing to meet some of the costs of building this new State Carriage and I have enclosed a list of some of the expenses for your perusal.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Frecklington OAM

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**LIST OF COSTS FOR THE
STATE COACH, BRITANNIA**

Add Bronze Co Ltd	Bronze Specialists	27,785.25
Aluminium Curving Specialists	Curving Specialists	1,397.00
Aluminium Engineering	Aluminium suppliers	167.20
Anagote Pty Ltd	Timber Suppliers	344.51
Apollo Metals Pty Ltd	Metal suppliers	2,626.80
Art Gilding	Gilders	8,040.00
Asterisk Horsecollars & Harness	Leather workers	2,370.29
Australian Custom Services	Customs	84.20
Australian Customs (Import of metal)	Customs	365.74
Back of Bourke Saddlery	Harness Makers	3,880.00
Blackwoods	Bolt suppliers	86.87
BOC gas	Gas suppliers	2,907.57
Bohler Steel	Steel Merchants	269.00
Brass & Copper	Brass & copper suppliers	243.24
Brookvale Insurance Pty Ltd	Insurance	1,639.75
Brookvale Total Tools	Tool suppliers	45.45
Bruynzeel	Timber suppliers	73.70
Caporns Pty Ltd	Timber suppliers	6,504.05
Countrywide Industries	Welders	574.20
Cunneen & Co	Metal Castors	770.00
Customs Duty	Customs Duty	396.96
D.H.L.	Freight	1,329.12
David Walters Fabrics	Silk weavers	2,747.54
Dulux Paints	Paint suppliers	162.99
Durobond	Paint suppliers	259.20
Edcon Steel	Steel suppliers	673.65
Fibre Glass International	Fibreglass suppliers	253.33
Fred Tapping	Bolt suppliers	57.60
G. James Safety Glass	Glass suppliers	4,500.00
Great Western Springs	Spring makers	4,624.00
Habberley Meadows	Gold Suppliers	11,040.45
Hardware & General	Hardware suppliers	297.69
Ikon Suspension	Suspension	330.00
J. & K. Engineering Pty Ltd	Engineering	1,320.00
J.B. Lorder	Saddler	337.00
Jet Cut Australia	Steel cutting specialists	442.60
John Gubbings	Cabinet Maker	600.00
Keeler Hardware	Locksmiths	67.69
Kennard Hire	Hire Services	84.00
Kevin Banting	Wood carver	1420.00
Knights Timbers	Timber machinists	338.00
Lee A Brown Pty Ltd	Bolt manufacturers	314.16
Lovell Springs	Spring makers	2,519.00
Manly Lighting	Lights	281.24
Manly Mitre 10	Hardware	179.57

Marco Sheet Metal	Metal fabricators	701.25
Metropolitan Filter Service	Miscellaneous	50.00
O'Briens Aluminium	Aluminium Suppliers	1,214.00
Olds & Sons	Casters	12,262.80
Otto & Sons	Woodcarvers	2,200.00
P.P.K. Metal Designers Pty Ltd	Metal Castors	220.00
Palloys	Fine Castors	467.17
Pavani Holdings	Brass suppliers	400.00
Permanent Painted Coatings	Paint suppliers	71.00
Rennotte Bronze	Brass & Bronze Specialists	1,499.35
Ron MacDonald Freight Services	Freight	963.32
Sellers Hardware	Hardware supplier	238.35
Silverwater Metal Spinning	Metal spinning	1,456.00
Southern Rod & Custom	Body fabricators	45,661.00
Supply One	Paint	301.40
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Rental of Workshop up until 30.11.06	23,503.37
The Goldleaf Factory International	Suppliers of gold leaf	157.08
Todsapol Lorranitboon	Designer & Castor	2,146.00
U Haul Trailer Rentals	Trailer Rentals	75.00
U.E.S.	Universal Engineering Suppliers	114.48
W.H. Williams	Metal Profiling	308.00
Interest – St. George Bank - \$5,570.13 per month for 12 months		66,841.56
		255,601.74

WORK TO BE COMPLETED

Asterisk Horse Collars & Harness Blueberry Ash N.S.W.	Leather specialists	700.00
	Safety boxes for coach lamps & roof decoration	5,054.50
David Walters Fabrics	Silk weavers	2,010.05
Edwards Engineering	Welding specialists	1,900.00
Ian Graham	Engineering	1,022.00
P.P.S.	Electrics for Coach	3,170.00
Ryde Batteris Pty Ltd	Battery suppliers	600.00
S.E.C. Plating Pty Ltd	Gold plating specialists	21,032.00
Sefton Smash Repairs	Painting specialists	4,800.00
		<u>40,288.55</u>

The Cost of security material for Coach Body is not available at this time but will be forwarded to your office.



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
CANBERRA

25 OCT 2006

Mr W J (Jim) Frecklington OAM

Dear Mr Frecklington

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jim', written over the name 'Mr Frecklington'.


Thank you for your letter of 5 September 2006 concerning possible Australian Government funding for the *State Coach Britannia*, and a possible launch by the Prime Minister.

I am pleased to advise that in addition to paying the cost of transporting *Britannia* to London, the Australian Government has agreed to provide a financial contribution of \$245,548.73 towards construction costs. I note this figure represents the total amount sought in your letter and subsequent email of 4 October 2006, except for the interest costs.

Officers of the Ceremonial and Hospitality Branch of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (CERHOS) will make contact with you in due course to make arrangements for the payment to be made.

I am also pleased to confirm that the Prime Minister has agreed to launch *Britannia* at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra in mid-December. CERHOS officers will also liaise with you about those arrangements. I am, of course, more than happy to continue our dialogue on this significant project.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Kefford 
Senior Adviser (Government)

W.J. FRECKLINGTON OAM

N.S.W. Australia

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Mobile:

ABN 46039400322

24th November 2006

██████████
Office of The Prime Minister
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Fax: 6271 5796

Dear ██████████

Re: The State Coach, Britannia

Further to our conversation, the Australian Government has agreed to provide a financial agreement of \$245,548.73 towards the construction of the abovementioned vehicle.

My tax file number is ██████████.

My bank account details are as follows:

Bank: ██████████

BSB ██████████

Account No: ██████████

Account Name: J Frecklington

I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours faithfully,

✓ W. J. Frecklington OAM



THE DEPARTMENT OF
THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

3 - 5 National Circuit
BARTON, CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600

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REMITTANCE ADVICE



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W.J. FRECKLINGTON OAM

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Date: 18/12/20
Vendor No: 08439
Payment No: 2113685

This remittance advice details the electronic payment to be credited to your requested bank account on the 15/12/06. If you have queries, please phone (02) 6271 5104.

Date	Reference	Description	Amount Paid
24/11/06	241106	CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE COACH BRITANNIA	245,548.73

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W.J. FRECKLINGTON OAM

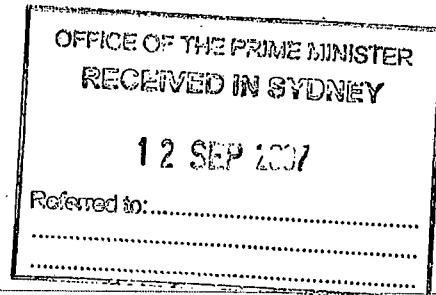
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29 August 2007

The Hon John Howard MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



RE: The State Coach Britannia

Dear Mr Howard,

As you may be aware I am nearing the completion of a new vehicle of State known as the State Coach Britannia. In the near future this vehicle of State will be flown to London, and it is envisaged it will be used by the Royal Family for centuries to come. At this stage the vehicle is housed in the former School of Artillery at North Head in Sydney.

I would like to most sincerely thank you and your government for your support in the building of the Britannia. I feel sure this vehicle will provide a prominent and tangible benchmark example of Australian quality, and an enduring testament to the skill and excellence of the many Australian designers, craftsmen and manufacturers in many fields of endeavour.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally invite your good self, and Mrs Howard, to inspect Britannia at a time convenient to yourself. Alternatively the vehicle can be made available at any time for display to visiting guests and dignitaries. I anticipate putting the vehicle on public display prior to it being sent to London, however I would like to make it available to yourself and your government for such purposes as you may determine in the interim. The vehicle could also be used as a static display for important special events such as APEC.

Please find enclosed a photograph of the new State Coach Britannia along with a photograph of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II alighting from the Australian State Coach at the State opening of British Parliament. I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

✓ W.J. Frecklington, O.A.M.

