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19 June 2025

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By email:

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Dear Colleagues,

**Re: Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price – ats – Lesley Turner
Federal Court proceedings No. NTD 17/2024**

We refer to your open letter dated 5 June 2025, which contains numerous argumentative assertions followed by an offer of settlement.

Responses to three argumentative assertions

The various argumentative assertions contained in your 5 June letter are rejected. In particular, as to three of them:

First, you say that because she withdrew the defences of justification and honest opinion earlier this year, our client “*must accept*” that “*she published untrue statements about [y]our client*”. That does not by any means follow. The reasons why our client properly withdrew those defences were expressly set out in our letter of 21 March 2025.

Second, you claim that our client had a “*personal involvement*” in what you choose to describe as a “*Machiavellian attempt*” to remove your client from his position “*in concert with*” Mr Palmer and Mr Morris. That is also not so, as the evidence makes plain.

Third, you assert that our client knew, before publication, that the motion had not even been tabled. That again is simply not so. Our client's understanding was to the contrary, as again is clear on the evidence.


Response to settlement offer

Our client published her media release in good faith. She did not and does not have any wish to cause harm to Mr Turner. She is quite prepared to publish a statement withdrawing the defamatory imputations which Mr Turner claims were conveyed by the media release.

The costs of these proceedings, as you observe, will be significant for both parties, and a settlement would no doubt have advantages for both sides.

Our client's offer of settlement, including the terms of such a public statement, is set out in our "*without prejudice*" correspondence of even date.

Yours faithfully,
KALANTZIS Lawyers



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