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Conversation between Malcolm Turnbull and Andrew Charlton - 17 June 2009

On Wednesday 17 June I attended the Press Gallery's Mid Winter Ball. I was seated at a table adjacent to the table at which Malcolm Turnbull was seated, and our seats were close together.

During the main course, Malcolm Turnbull turned around to initiate a conversation with the person seated beside me.

He then turned his seat in my direction and initiated the following conversation.

Turnbull: Hello. You are Andrew Charlton.

Charlton: Hello.

Turnbull: You are friends with [he then mentioned the name of a person known to us both].

Charlton: Yes, I know [I mentioned that person's name].

Turnbull: Let me give you some advice because I think you have a very promising career ahead of you.

Integrity is the most important thing in the career of a young man.

[A short conversation ensued on a different subject related to our mutual acquaintance Mr Turnbull then brought the conversation back to the subject he had initiated earlier.]

Turnbull: Andrew, integrity is the most important thing in a man's career.

That is why I encourage you, no matter what the circumstances, no matter what the pressure, not to lie.

Charlton: Thank you for the advice. I don't feel any pressure to lie.

Turnbull: This whole Ozcar issue will be very damaging for you.

Let me just give you some friendly advice.

You should not lie to protect your boss.

Charlton: I have not.

Turnbull: You know and I know there is documentary evidence that you have lied.

Charlton: There is not.

Turnbull: Andrew, you know that there is documentary evidence. This could be very damaging for you.

Charlton: I have not had any contact with Mr Grant.

Turnbull: Ah well, I advise you to consider your actions very carefully.

At the conclusion of the conversation I walked outside the building. I noticed a colleague standing outside the building. I relayed the above conversation to her.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Charlton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and date.

Andrew Charlton  
18 June 2009

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