LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE
ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

FURTHER SUMMONS TO WITNESS

To:

Ms Peta Duke
Media Adviser
Office of the Premier
1 Treasury Place
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

I am directed by the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration to issue a second and final summons to you to attend a public hearing in the Legislative Council Committee Room, Parliament House, Spring Street, Melbourne at 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 6 April 2010 to give evidence in relation to its Inquiry into Victorian Government decision making, consultation and approval processes. Matters expected to be dealt with at the hearing include, but are not limited to:

- your role in the preparation of any media plans, consultation and other involvement in the Windsor Hotel redevelopment planning process;

- the basis for the comments drafted by you in the document titled ‘Minister for Planning Justin Madden Media Plan’ relating to the Windsor Advisory Committee report and public consultation strategy; and

- any other related matters referred to in evidence received by this Committee from the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Community Development at a public hearing on 12 March 2010 (copy of transcript attached), and related matters raised in recent Parliamentary debates.

This second summons follows the Attorney-General’s instructions to you to decline an initial invitation to give evidence dated 4 March 2010 and his further direction to you dated 12 March 2010 not to attend before the Committee following an order in a summons to you dated 9 March 2010.

I am further directed to advise you of the following Legislative Council Standing Orders relating to summoning of a witness:

1. If any witness does not attend pursuant to the order of a committee his or her absence will be reported, and the Council may order him or her to attend the Council. Such order may be discharged if the witness attends the committee before the time appointed for his or her attending the Council. [SO 18.06 (2)]
2. Witnesses will be summoned in order to be examined at the Bar of the Council or a Select Committee*, by orders of the Council, signed by the Clerk. [SO 18.04]

3. A witness not attending pursuant to an order of the Council or of a committee having power to summon witnesses, or pursuant to a warrant of the President, may be censured or declared guilty of contempt by the Council. [SO 18.06]

*Legislative Council Sessional Order No. 22 (24) states: 'The provisions of the Standing Orders relating to Select Committees apply to the Committee as if it were a Select Committee.'

Could you please confirm your attendance or otherwise by contacting the Committee Secretary, Mr Richard Willis on 9651 8696, or by email: richard.willis@parliament.vic.gov.au, or by correspondence at the above address no later than by 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 31 March 2010.

Also attached is a copy of Parliament’s Guidelines for the Rights and Responsibilities of Witnesses. In preparation for the hearing, as outlined in paragraphs 6 and 7 of these guidelines, you are given the opportunity to make a submission in writing prior to giving oral evidence and/or to raise any matters of concern relating to a submission or your evidence. Any such submission should be received no later than 31 March 2010 and will not take the place of any oral evidence. Evidence will be taken on Oath or Affirmation.

Yours sincerely

WAYNE TUNNECLIFFE
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
24 March 2010