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Statement in response to the Prime Minister - Hon John Howard MP

from

Tony Windsor MP
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In response to a call from the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon John Howard MP for me to apologise to the Deputy Prime Minister, John Anderson and National Party Senator Sandy Macdonald over comments I made in the Parliament last week, I ask the Prime Minister to support the establishment of a Senate Inquiry into the matter.

I would welcome any inquiry into this matter and ask the Prime Minister to immediately support a Senate inquiry where all the participants can put on record their views and a public adjudication be made.

It is important for all concerned that they be given the opportunity to tell their stories under oath and be available for cross examination so that the truth will out.

Whilst the Prime Minister may fully support his Deputy, I would hope that he also fully supports our system and therefore will support the transparency of a Senate Inquiry into this matter.