

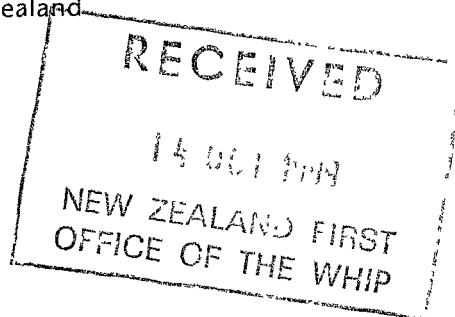


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Parliament House, Wellington, New Zealand

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Mr Ron Mark MP
Senior Whip
NEW ZEALAND FIRST



Dear Ron

Thank you for your letter of 24 September requesting I support a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Peter Ellis case.

I have replied to Mrs Ellis directly saying that I would discuss the matter with the Minister. Thank you for your interest in this matter, but I must indicate that at this point I am not convinced that a Commission of Inquiry is appropriate.

Kind regards.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Gerry Brownlee'.

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