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Mr Ed Killesteyn PSM  
Electoral Commissioner  
Australian Electoral Commission  
PO Box 6172  
Kingston ACT 2604

  
Dear Mr Killesteyn

I enclose for your information a copy of a media report published in the Centralian Advocate on 17 November 2010.

As a result of this report, I am very concerned that during the 2010 Federal Election campaign, inducement was offered to the Country Liberal Party candidate for Lingiari Mr Leo Abbott to withdraw his candidacy. It is asserted that this offer was made by the Leader of Federal Liberal Party, Mr Tony Abbott and Leader of the Northern Territory Country Liberal Party, Mr Terry Mills.

I am particularly concerned by this report because it states that Mr Terry Mills did not deny the assertion made.

I therefore request that this matter be investigated to determine whether any offence has been committed under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act*.

Yours sincerely



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