



## Office of Hon Dr Nick Smith

MP for Nelson

Minister for the Environment

Minister for Climate Change Issues

Minister for ACC

7 July 2011

To whom it may concern,

Re: Bronwyn Pullar

Bronwyn is a long standing friend who I have known since the mid 1990s through her voluntary work for the National Party, her South Island family and her work in the export industry.

It would be inappropriate for me to comment on Bronwyn's ACC claim issues as a friend, given my current role as Minister. Nor am I in a position to take a view to what degree she has recovered or been rehabilitated from the cycle accident she had a decade ago.

I can confirm, however, that in my many contacts with Bronwyn prior to the accident she was well and a dynamic, capable person who worked hard and achieved a lot. To the best of my knowledge she did not have any health or other conditions or issues that would have compromised her capacity to work. She had a strong reputation as a very effective and efficient worker in both her voluntary and professional roles.

I wish to put this on record so to assist in any comparative assessment of Bronwyn's current health.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, sweeping strokes that form the name 'Nick Smith'.

Hon Dr Nick Smith