

**The Hon Carmel Tebbutt MLC**

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

David Utting was employed as Senior Media Adviser in my office from October 2002 to March 2003.

A portfolio that has responsibility for child protection presents a very difficult media challenge, and in the months leading up to David's appointment there had been a significant amount of negative coverage.

David's energy and clear strategic thinking made an enormous contribution towards turning the media coverage around.

He is capable of dealing with issues sensitively and is relentless in pursuing the necessary media contacts to influence their coverage.

David established systems and procedures to access material in a timely way, greatly improving positive regional coverage of issues.

I have no hesitation in recommending David as a loyal, energetic and hard working media adviser to work in any area.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carmel Tebbutt'.

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