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*For Mr. Singh and Mr. Joe Hockey,  
the men I love*



**July 1, 2008**

**Mr. Peter Garrett MP  
Minister for the Environment**

NANCY SINGH (MRS)  
PO Box 5067  
South Murwillimbah  
New South Wales 2484  
*Import and Export Services*

Dear Mr. Garrett

Now that you have some time on your hands and Penny Wong (isn't she amazing!) is doing the water portfolio, I am writing to ask if you would consider re-forming your pop group *Midnight Oil* for a last tour? I have had an idea that you could raise money for the poor people of Burma and China, or even the orangutans. Even small gestures can have an impact.

I hope you will not mind my asking for a signed photograph of you. I know that every penny matters, so here is \$5 for the postage. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy Singh



**July 1, 2008**

**Miss Julie Bishop MP**

NANCY SINGH (MRS)  
PO Box 5067  
South Murwillimbah  
New South Wales 2484  
*Import and Export Services*

Dear Miss Bishop,

I am writing to say how wonderful it was to see you humble Mr. Wayne Swan in Parliament over his so-called advice on saving money when food shopping. Mr. Swan clearly knows as much about household economics as Mark Latham knew about manners and breeding.

Mr. Singh tells me that you are easily the most attractive lady MP in the House. I was wondering if you would send him a signed photograph of your good self, as it is his birthday later this month. I am enclosing \$5 to cover the postage.

Many thanks,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy Singh







# Julie Bishop

Federal Member for Curtin  
Deputy Leader of the Opposition  
Shadow Minister for Employment, Business and Workplace Relations



Nancy Singh  
PO Box 5067  
South Murwillimbah NSW 2484  
Postal Address

29 July 2008

Dear Nancy

Thankyou for your letter to the Hon Julie Bishop, I have enclosed a picture as requested.

Please also find enclosed your \$5.00 as it is not necessary for you to pay for the postage.

Please pass on Ms Bishop's birthday wishes to Mr Singh.

Best wishes

KIRSTEN RIDGE



**Curtin Includes:**

- Churchlands
- City Beach
- Connamint
- Cullinane
- Darwin
- Daguerre
- Dalkeith
- Quinnsway\*
- Elmton
- Glennloch
- Greenham
- Jayemdale
- Karrakatta
- Landerhill
- Mutton Park
- MI Connamint
- MI. Hammond
- Norlands
- North Perth
- Quinnsway\*
- Pygmoet Hill
- Sturton Park
- Sullyco
- Swaindown
- Wandoo
- Werrills Downs
- West Landerhill
- West Perth\*
- Woodlands

\*Not included

**July 1, 2008**

**Mr. Kevin Rudd MP  
Prime Minister**

NANCY SINGH (MRS)  
PO Box 5067  
South Murwillimbah  
New South Wales 2484  
*Import and Export Services*

Dear Mr. Rudd,

Many congratulations to you on your first 6 months in office, and such a sensible budget. I am not one of those who argue that Wayne Swan is out of his depth, and I am sure he will stop stumbling over his words soon.

I think it is a great idea to forge closer links with China, and who could be better placed to do this than your good self. I myself am in the import-export business and am always on the lookout for cheap goods to sell here in Australia.

I hope you will not mind my asking for a signed photograph of you. In these inflationary times I know that every penny matters, so here is \$5 for the postage.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy Singh



**July 1, 2008**

**Mr. Glenn Stevens,  
Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank**

NANCY SINGH (MRS)  
PO Box 5067  
South Murwillimbah  
New South Wales 2484  
*Import and Export Services*

Dear Mr. Stevens,

I am writing to ask your advice on a financial matter. In these inflationary times is it better to invest in government bonds or shares in the energy sector? I suppose this depends on how long it will take your policy of increasing interest rates to bring down the price of petrol?

I am quite happy with the rates being high as I do not have a mortgage, am earning interest on my savings accounts, and there are so many bargains to be had in clothes and plasma televisions. But the petrol prices are annoying and I have taken to driving my Audi rather than the Mercedes. On the plus side, it is easier to drive around and find a park, now that the poor are being priced off the road. A good dose of redundancies would be an added benefit, and it is reassuring that this is the bank's policy for the next few years.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy Singh



**July 8, 2008**

**The Chancellor  
Griffith University**



NANCY SINGH (MRS)  
PO Box 5067  
South Murwillimbah  
New South Wales 2484  
*Import and Export Services*

Dear Sir,

I read with great interest that your university is receiving funding from Saudi Arabia to establish new courses and award degrees. I am all in favour of market forces helping to pay for higher education.

One of my sons is not especially intelligent, but he has his heart set on being a Doctor. His father agrees that this would be better than allowing him to work in the family business. So we would like to buy him the necessary qualifications at your fine establishment. Please would you advise me on the best way to do this.

I am enclosing \$5 to open our account in the meantime.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy Singh

23 July 2008

Mrs Nancy Singh  
PO Box 5067  
**SOUTH MURWILLIMBAH NSW 2484**

Dear Mrs Singh

I refer to your letter to the Chancellor dated 8 July 2008. In this letter you make reference to the grant from the government of Saudi Arabia which was given to the University last year and which was the subject of newspaper articles in late April 2008.

The Saudi grant was donated to support the work of the Griffith Islamic Research Unit (GIRU). The central aim of GIRU is to promote a balanced and contextualised understanding of Islam and Muslims. GIRU, through its strong academic, community and government partnerships, provides a forum where scholars, intellectuals, and students can voice their insights, concerns, reflections and aspirations on issues facing the Australian Muslim community and the wider Australian community, with a view to cultivating an informed public opinion that will lead to a more sustainable pluralistic Australian society.

On the second issue raised in your letter, I would like to emphasise Griffith's commitment to rigorous standards of scholarship and to the pursuit of excellence in teaching and research. We repudiate any suggestion that degree qualifications can be bought from our University.

I return your original letter including the five dollar 'donation'.

Yours sincerely,

A C McAndrew  
**Pro Vice Chancellor**  
**(Administration)**