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His Excellency Mr MA Zhaoxu  
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Your Excellency

**Re Comments made by me on the ABC program Q&A in respect of China and the Chinese people**

I most sincerely apologise for any insult to Chinese people caused by any of the language I used during my appearance on the ABC television program Q&A.

I regret any hurt or anguish such comments may have caused any party and I look forward to greater understanding for peace and cooperation in the future.

We always must have an open mind; an open mind allows us to put ourselves in the other person's position and brings greater understanding and less conflict to the world. An open mind at least helps me understand why people think the way they do and how we can avoid traps for better understanding. In keeping an open mind, I now come to the realisation that what I said on Q&A was an insult to Chinese people everywhere and I wish to assure them they have my most genuine and sincere apology, that I am sorry that I said the things I said on the program.

I have had a long involvement with China since first visiting the country in 1962. As Chairman Mao said in Nanjing when celebrating the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1911 Revolution, words to the effect that over 45 years have passed since the 1911 Revolution and China had only sought friendly relations with its neighbours. He went on to say that another 45 years would pass and China would continue to seek good relations with its neighbours and China has. It is in the interest of the whole world that Australia and China have good relations. All citizens of both countries must work towards a prosperous future by working together.

Kind regards

Clive F Palmer  
Leader of the Palmer United Party

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