

## **Weblink 2: Reply from the Chancellor**

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Professor Simon Chapman  
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Dear Professor Chapman

I refer to your email letter of 24 June 2003 regarding the appointment of the Hon Nick Greiner AC as Chair of the Graduate School of Government's Advisory Board.

May I acknowledge at the outset that your concerns about tobacco usage in Australia are deeply felt. Second, that there has been no change in University of Sydney policy in not accepting research money or any other form of endowment from any tobacco company.

It is however fundamentally important that it be understood Mr Greiner is being appointed as Chair of an Advisory Board by reason of his contribution to public administration as a former Premier of this State with a deep and continuing interest in such matters. His appointment is in an entirely honorary capacity and wholly advisory in relation to matters concerning public sector education where the University is free to draw on his talents and experience and that of the Advisory Board. The appointment has no connection whatsoever with any tobacco company or any role Mr Greiner may have on the Board of such a company. It would be grossly unfair and discriminatory to prevent this form of voluntary contribution being made on such a ground.

Yours sincerely

**GFK Santow**  
**Chancellor**

*cc Professor Gavin Brown, Vice-Chancellor*  
*Mrs Renata Kaldor AO, Deputy Chancellor*