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Good afternoon

I met with Merryn York, CEO, Powerlink when she was in Melbourne last Friday. The meeting was at her request and was meant to be a meet and greet. I had advised her that my preference was to discuss Powerlink's proposal (due beginning of next year) when all the board members were together. There were however a couple of issues she brought up.

Apparently Hugh Grant has been assigned to the CCP subpanel on the Powerlink proposal. Powerlink is not comfortable with this arrangement and I have to admit neither am I. **Hugh Grant (as you may know) is a former employee of Powerlink and is quite scathing of the company.** I would rather not have him assigned to that subgroup. While not having to adhere to the same strict rules as us, I think the conflict of interest and perception of bias might undermine the effectiveness of the CCP.

I have asked Michelle to look into replacing him with another member.

FYI

Paula

Accuracy of this highlighted comment is contested by Hugh Grant - see cover letter.

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