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Prime Minister of Australia  
• The Hon Julia Gillard, MP •  
Prime Minister  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister Gillard,

Today I applied to your Minister for Immigration and Citizenship for a visa to enter Australia in order to conduct seminars, research in your national archives, and visit my daughter who is an Australian citizen and lives with her husband and my two grandchildren in Brisbane; all are Australian citizens. It is likely however to prove controversial.

I conducted successful nationwide tours of Australia and New Zealand until 1992. I continue to lecture in other countries including the United States where last year I drove 24,000 miles and spoke in a hundred cities including some universities.

I am not and never have been a "Holocaust denier". I am a military historian and in several of the thirty books I have written I provide unknown details of where and how the mass murders took place. See the attachment [[www.fpp.co.uk/books/biogr/Cascade\\_Quotes.pdf](http://www.fpp.co.uk/books/biogr/Cascade_Quotes.pdf)] for the remarks of reputable experts on my books. During my second tour of Australia and New Zealand, in 1986, my famous biography of Winston Churchill held the No. 1 position on *The Sydney Morning Herald* bestseller list).

I have been refused entry into Australia since 1993, purportedly for not meeting an *ad hoc* "public interest criterion of good character," based on a German ban.\* Yet your security authorities and the Australian Police advised The Hon. Paul Keating that there was no security reason for me to be refused entry. (I have copies of, but am of course not allowed to publish, those documents.) It is in fact a free speech issue.

The Munich courts have recently ruled that the German ban on me is *illegal under European Union Law* and ordered it lifted as from March 21 (to allow time for a possible appeal by Berlin. Permission for Berlin to appeal has not yet been granted.)

I trust therefore that you will feel able to counsel your Minister for Immigration and Citizenship to grant the visa application.

Yours very sincerely,

David Irving

\* The German ban was derived from a 1992 Munich fine for having stated that a particular structure in Poland [*the gas chamber shown to tourists at Auschwitz I*] was constructed after, not during, the Second World War, a statement which the Polish Government has since then, in 1995, confirmed to be true (it was erected in 1948).