

# Fraser named in Telecom memo



Malcolm Fraser

FORMER prime minister Malcolm Fraser yesterday demanded Telecom explain why his name appears in a restricted internal memo.

He said he had never contacted Telecom about the subject of the memo — a complaint from a Western District businessman — and would query Telecom.

Mr Fraser's request follows the release of a damning government report this week which criticised Telecom for recording conversations without customer permission.

Mr Fraser said Mr Alan

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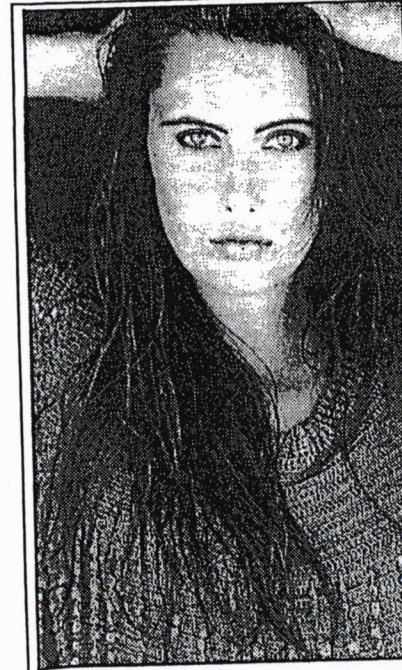
Smith, of the Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp near Portland, phoned him early last year seeking his advice on a long-running dispute with Telecom which Mr Fraser could not help.

He said he was concerned when Mr Smith rang this week to say their conversation was mentioned in an internal Telecom document.

Mr Fraser was named in a memo, obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, and dated April 6, 1993. The document discussed people Mr Smith had contacted about his fight with Telecom.

Mr Smith said he had given the memo to the Federal Police who are investigating Telecom's alleged breaches of privacy.

Last night Telecom said it had written to Mr Smith alleging he had told at least three staff members of his conversation with Mr Fraser. Mr Smith denied this.



Kelly Wilkinson: prayers for safety.

## Prayers for kidnap woman

PRAYERS were being said world-wide to bring kidnap victim Kelly Wilkinson home safely from Cambodia, her mother Gabrielle Wilkinson said last night.

Mrs Wilkinson, of Caloundra, said: "A lot of masses have been said.

"We can't stress enough that the prayers are going to bring it off."

She said a relative, Father Jim Cronin, was involved.

Kelly Wilkinson, 24, her boyfriend Dominic Chappell, 25, and their friend Tina Dominy, were forced out of a taxi on Monday by Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

## Professor blasts PM in tribe jibe

HISTORIAN Professor Geoffrey Blainey has accused Prime Minister Mr Paul Keating of fostering a nation of tribes in Australia and working against economic recovery.

He told an accountants' congress in Perth yesterday that WA and northern Queensland had been sacrificed by the Native Title Act for the benefit of south-east Australia.



Geoffrey Blainey

"It will not be surprising if a new secession

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RoadCover costs less for women