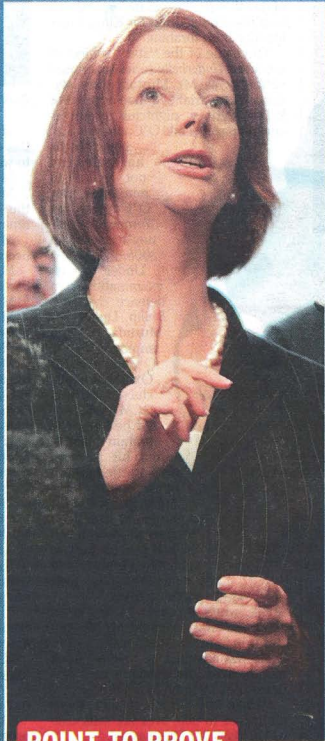


REVEALED: What Julia is telling

you with her gestures

Body language expert Michael Kelly gives his Gillard verdict



POINT TO PROVE

Julia Gillard's raised eyebrows and pointed finger are saying to those around her 'Stop, I've got something to say.' She knows exactly the point she wants to make and wants to make others around her very much aware of that.



FIRM

The firmness of Ms Gillard's hands suggests a real mark of solidity. She seems to be quite stiff with her hands, like she's trying to give others around her the impression that she's very firm and passionate about what she's saying.



HUMOUR AND HUMILITY

The new PM knows how to bring in a sense of humour, which she has already expressed in several interviews. She can change tack and she's very different from former PM Kevin Rudd, who took himself too seriously.



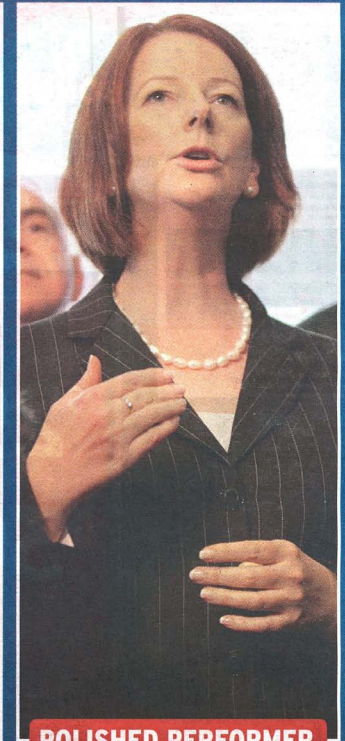
JAWS OF STEEL

Ms Gillard thrusts her jaw forward quite a bit, again suggesting strength and control. When people speak to her, she looks interested but still maintains a powerful appearance. There are definite similarities with former British PM Margaret Thatcher.



CLENCHED FISTS

There's a great deal of passion and energy seen by the way Ms Gillard clenches her fists and keeps raising them higher as she gets more into the subject. She must be careful not to raise her fists above her shoulders as that's too domineering.



POLISHED PERFORMER

Ms Gillard comes across very well, definitely one of the best leaders I've seen in terms of how she presents herself. She looks like a leader too, probably more so than Opposition Leader Tony Abbott, who still presents that lovable larrikin personality.