

Response from Chris Dore, Editor-in-Chief, The Australian:

While not directly naming him, Albanese referred to Howard's approach to policy reform and in doing so clearly attempted to highlight that his own approach to reform would be more aligned to how Howard went about it than the way Morrison works.

He clearly attempted to suggest he shared Howard's approach to reform.

[I]t's worth also noting that Albo's office contacted our political editor before publication to point out the reference to Howard in the speech in an attempt clearly to get us to highlight the reference he was making in the speech.