



Australian Government
**Department of Agriculture,
Water and the Environment**

Senator Susan McDonald
Chair
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator McDonald

Having reviewed the transcript of the Additional Estimates hearing conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on 15 February 2022, the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment would like to provide two factual corrections to the Committee.

Correction 1. During the hearing Senator Sheldon said in relation to the recently announced \$20 million matched funding for pests and weeds and the breakdown of the funding across each state and territory:

“Are you able to give us a breakdown on how much funding each state and territory will provide to this measure?”

“Is that one of the aspects that haven't been agreed to—dollar for dollar how that's going to be broken up from your end?”

“Is that still fluid or is there an outline?”

In response Ms Scholfield said:

“At this stage, we have, I think, \$47 million worth of proposals that we're currently considering, and I think we have pretty much exactly \$47 million being offered up in return.”

I wish to correct this answer to:

“There are \$49 million worth of project proposals being considered and \$49 million being offered in return.”

Senator Sheldon references the incorrect \$47 million figure an additional 2 times.

Correction 2. During the hearing Senator Whish-Wilson said in relation to kelp restoration and Crayweed:

“Yes. Is that golden kelp?... Crayweed or—”

In response Dr Hone said:

“Crayweed, dictyopteris and ecklonia—all of those brown kelps.”

I wish to correct this answer to:

“Crayweed, Phyllospora and ecklonia—all of those brown kelps.”

I apologise for the error in the answers outlined above and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee. The remainder of the answers to questions given at the hearing are correct.

Yours sincerely

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