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Dear Mr Palethorpe

Thank you for your email dated 5 April 2023 regarding the inquiry being undertaken by the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee into the provisions of the *Nature Repair Market Bill 2023* and *Nature Repair Market (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023*. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

The South Australian government supports the intent of the *Nature Repair Market Bill* 2023 and the proposed consequential amendments. Moreover, the government recognises this as an important initiative to facilitate greater investment into the conservation and rehabilitation of nature and to support landholders, First Nations people and conservation organisations in achieving those aims.

South Australia's Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and the Native Vegetation Council (NVC) both provided a submission to the Commonwealth Department on the Nature Repair Bill exposure draft in March 2023. Given this, an additional submission to the Committee has not been provided as the previous comments adequately articulates DEW and NVC's feedback.

The South Australian government looks forward to seeing the feedback provided addressed and future opportunities to contribute to the policy implementation of the nature repair market.

Yours sincerely

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