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Senate Standing Committee on Economics
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Dear Committee Secretary

Inquiry into the National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment (Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures) Bill 2020

Thank you for seeking my review of the Hansard for my appearance at the public hearing relating to the Inquiry into the National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment (Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures) Bill 2020. I would like to provide clarification of two of my responses.

The first is my response to a question asked by Senator Jenny McAllister. The relevant text in the Hansard can be found at page 12.

Senator McAllister asked:

...“You indicated that ANSTO projects and inability to store intermediate level waste that might be generated in the future. What is the time frame for that capacity constraint?”

While I stated the time frame to be 2030, I would clarify that ANSTO’s intermediate-level solid waste storage facility would require extension by 2027, as ANSTO has previously advised the Committee.

I would also like to clarify my response to Senator Patrick’s question regarding ANSTO’s movement of radioactive packages and the methods of transport. The relevant text in the Hansard can be found at page 13. ANSTO use a combination of road and air, not road and rail.

I trust this provides clarity and satisfactorily answers the Senators’ questions.

Yours sincerely,

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