



Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Ref: SBR007750



25 MAR 2015

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe
Committee Secretary
Senate Select Committee on Wind Turbines
Department of the Senate
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

8 Nicholson Street
East Melbourne Victoria 3002
Australia
PO Box 500
East Melbourne Victoria 8002
Australia
www.delwp.vic.gov.au

Dear Ms Radcliffe

OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO COMMENTS BY HAMISH CUMMING

I refer to the email of Carol Stewart of 3 March 2015, that includes your letter to [REDACTED] of the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

Your letter refers to a submission to the Senate Select Committee on Wind Turbines from Mr Hamish Cumming. This submission makes serious allegations of corruption by senior public servants, including [REDACTED].

As [REDACTED] employer, I am responding on his behalf.

Mr Cumming has previously raised his concerns with the department and ministers on numerous occasions. His allegations have been thoroughly investigated and found to be unsubstantiated. In addition, in 2013 the Office of the Victorian Ombudsman advised Mr Cumming that no further action will be taken with regard to his complaints. On this basis, we suggest that the committee should not give any weight to Mr Cumming's recent submission.

The department is also concerned about the effects that these continual allegations are having on its staff and request that the contents of Mr Cumming's submission should not be published in any public report.

If you require further information about the previous interactions the department has had with Mr Cumming please contact Neil Robertson on [REDACTED] or alternatively by email at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

Adam Fennessy
Secretary

Privacy Statement

Any personal information about you or a third party in your correspondence will be protected under the provisions of the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014. It will only be used or disclosed to appropriate Ministerial, Statutory Authority, or departmental staff in regard to the purpose for which it was provided, unless required or authorised by law. Enquiries about access to information about you held by the Department should be directed to the Privacy Coordinator, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, PO Box 500, East Melbourne, Victoria 8002.

