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Mr. Andrew Metcalfe
Secretary
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment

By email: Andrew.Metcalfe@awe.gov.au

Dear Secretary Metcalfe,

I write on behalf of Opposition Senators ahead of the Senate Estimates session that is to be held on 22 March 2021.

I request that you be able to provide the following information when you attend Senate Estimates next week. This includes:

- A detailed summary of the environment budget including the allocation of funding across all programs, measures, announcements made by the Minister, and grants as well as an outline of the funding as expended, committed, or unallocated including a breakdown by state and territory.
- A detailed summary of budgets for all environment-related agencies (e.g. Bureau of Meteorology), for each year since 2013.
- A detailed summary of all contracts entered into relating to the "congestion busting" and "maintaining timeliness" of environmental assessments measures, including information about related organisations and staffing.
- A break-down of all programs in the National Heritage Trust Special Account, including details of funding for Indigenous Rangers and Landcare.
- Details regarding implementation of recommendations from reports and reviews, including Auditor General reports.

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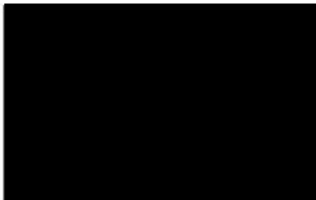
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- Information pertaining to perceived or declared conflicts of interest and any related documentation including the register of conflicts of interest, and detailed summaries of compliance matters.
- Mapping, data and timelines related to bushfire recovery.
- Detailed summary of threatened species requiring recovery plans and associated timelines including expected completion dates, and documents relating to the Threatened Species Strategy including timelines.

I trust that you will be able to table the requested information. Please contact my office if this will not be possible, or if you require clarification on any of these requests.

I look forward to seeing you at the hearing.

Yours sincerely,



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