



Senator Duniam
Chair
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Duniam

On 4 April 2019 we appeared as witnesses before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing Senator Di Natale asked in relation to the Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee's review of the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative—Facilities) Methodology Determination 2015*

"According to the article, the Minister asked the independent Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee to review how coal-fired power stations could earn carbon credits under the climate scheme. The Committee conducted this review?"

In response Kristin Tilley said

".....All methods under the Emissions Reduction Fund are reviewed regularly. Under legislation, they're required to be reviewed every four years....."

We wish to correct this answer. The requirement to review methods under the Emissions Reduction Fund every four years is included within the Emissions Reduction Fund White Paper, rather than under legislation. The remainder of the answer to the question, given at the Hearing, is correct.

Additionally, Senator Di Natale asked

"Will the review be open to submissions?"

In response Edwina Johnson said

"Yes that's right. It's a statutory 28-day consultation period, unless ERAC decides on a shorter period. But that's a full public consultation."

We wish to correct this answer. Under the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011* (the Act), one of the functions of the Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee is to undertake public consultation in relation to reviews of methodology determinations. In practice, the public consultation period for reviews has generally been 28 days or more, but the timeframe for public consultation for reviews is not set out within the Act. The remainder of the answer to the question, given at the Hearing, is correct.

We apologise for the errors in our answers and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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