



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Industry, Science,  
Energy and Resources**

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

Dear Senator Urquhart

On reviewing the Proof Hansard of the testimony given by the department at the Senate Estimates hearing on 20 October 2020, we find that some of the information provided to the Committee would benefit from clarification and correction.

The following exchange occurred between Senator Urquhart and Mr Paul Johnson, Principal Adviser Electricity, and is documented on page 105 of the Proof Committee Hansard for the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee from Tuesday 20 October 2020.

**Senator URQUHART:** *Okay, but it's my understanding that only under AEMO's step change scenario would Marinus Link need to be brought forward into the 2020s. Is the planned achievement of AEMO's step change scenario the reason the government is seeking to bring that forward?*

**Mr Johnson:** *No, because AEMO also notes that there's value in providing insurance against unexpected early coal closures and to avoid a repeat of what the market has seen in Victoria with the Haywood power station.*

Mr Johnson has advised he referred to the Haywood power station inadvertently, when he should have referred to the Hazelwood power station. Haywood is an interconnector and is not a power station.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused and ask that you alert other members of the Committee to this correction.

Yours sincerely



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