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

Dear Senator Grogan

Having reviewed the transcripts of the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings conducted by the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee on 23 October and 8 November 2023, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water would like to provide the following factual corrections to the Committee.

Correction 1

On 23 October 2023, Ms Melanie Ford appeared as a witness before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Estimates hearing.

During the hearing Senator Duniam asked Ms Ford about some evidence she had provided earlier in the session on the 2022 emissions projections.

In response Ms Ford said:

> *"I was referring to the 2022 emissions projections—the baseline scenario. In that scenario we found that the net sink in the land sector to 2025 increases mainly due to the sustained impact of the cessation of native timber harvesting, driven by state policies."*

This answer should be corrected to:

> *"I was referring to the 2022 emissions projections—the baseline scenario. In that scenario we found that the net sink in the land sector to 2035 increases mainly due to the sustained impact of the cessation of native timber harvesting, driven by state policies."*

Correction 2

During the hearing on 23 October 2023, Senator Duniam also asked Ms Ford about how projections are undertaken. In response Ms Ford said:

> *"There's also the movement of carbon into the harvested waste products pool."*

This answer should be corrected to:

> *"There's also the movement of carbon into the harvested wood products pool."*

I apologise for the errors in the answers outlined above and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee. The remainder of the answers to questions given at the hearing are correct.

Yours sincerely

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