



Australian Government

**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Communications**

Senator Susan McDonald
Chair
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator McDonald

I refer to the appearance of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (the Department) before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee at the Estimates Hearing on Tuesday, 25 May 2021. There was an inaccuracy in the evidence I gave that I would like to correct for the record.

The Department was asked a question about management of the offset at Orchard Hills. The response appears in the Proof of Committee Hansard as follows:

Mr R Wood: Yes. The department has a memorandum of understanding in place with the Department of Defence, which is delivering the biodiversity offsets. There is a 10-year process through which the Department of Defence and its contractors will improve the quality of biodiversity for the Cumberland Plain Woodland and associated offsets at the Orchard Hills site over the next decade.

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I provide the following correction to this discussion: the Memorandum of Understanding referred to is for a 20 year period rather than a 10 year period as stated.

I would appreciate if you could please note this for the information of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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