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Senator Glenn Sterle  
Chair  
Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Sterle

I refer to the appearance of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee at the Budget Estimates Hearing on Tuesday 23 May 2023.

In answering questions relating to the Western Parkland City Authority (WPCA) Board, I provided evidence that the Commonwealth appoints one member to the WPCA Board. Mr Matthew Roper, First Assistant Secretary, Partnerships and Projects Division, also provided evidence that the Commonwealth-appointed member of the Board is responsible for representing the Commonwealth's interests.

I write to correct two elements of this evidence. Firstly, the Australian Government nominates three members of the WPCA Board, with the Chair of the Board being jointly agreed by the Australian and New South Wales (NSW) Governments. Because the WPCA is an entity of the New South Wales Government, all members of the Board are formally appointed by the NSW Government. Secondly, all members act in an independent capacity.

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

Yours sincerely

David Mackay  
Deputy Secretary  
Regions, Cities and Territories Group

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