



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

Dear Senator Sterle

On 24 October 2023 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee Estimates hearing.

During the hearing Senator McDonald said in relation to gillnet fishing off the coast of Queensland

“My question to you is: given that the environment minister's letter to UNESCO wasn't discussing Commonwealth or state waters, but was talking about banning gill net fishing, I wonder if you would expect to be consulted by a minister on a topic such as that?”

In response I said

“... In the case of the two fisheries that we're talking about here, being gill netting on the east coast of **Australia** and gill netting on the Queensland coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria, the offshore constitutional settlements make it very clear that they are under the jurisdiction of the Queensland government...”

I wish to correct this answer. In the case of the two fisheries that we're talking about here, being gill netting on the east coast of **Queensland** and gill netting on the Queensland coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria, the offshore constitutional settlements make it very clear that they are under the jurisdiction of the Queensland government. The remainder of my answer to the question, given at the hearing, is correct.

I apologise for the error in my answer and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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