



6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

Dear Senator Sterle

**Factual Correction – Senate Estimates 24 October 2023**

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 McKenzie said in relation to consultation with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry on the biosecurity levy:

*“The department has specifically run a range of consultations. Some industry bodies have put in direct submissions online. Others have had face-to-face meetings and roundtables to actually put their levy-payers' views to the department in the construction and design of the levy. Has AWI participated in that?”*

In response I said

*“No, we have not.”*

I wish to correct this answer. Yes, AWI met with the Department on 25 August 2023 regarding the proposed biosecurity levy. 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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**Chairman**

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