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Mr David Sullivan  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee  
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Dear Mr Sullivan,

I write in regards to the call for submissions, dated September 9, to the inquiry into Australia's relationship with Mexico.

The Sustainable Minerals Institute (SMI), based within The University of Queensland, is the world's leading research institute dedicated to finding knowledge-based solutions to the sustainability challenges of the resources industry. Our seven centres bring together experts in mining, processing, water, energy, environment, safety and risk management, energy and social performance. Our global reach currently extends to Latin America including Chile, Colombia, and Peru as well as China, India, Indonesia, Ghana, Mongolia and Zambia.

SMI has previously engaged with the Mexican mining industry, predominantly via research higher degree students. We are interested in exploring the possibility of expanding our presence and collaborations with Mexico. SMI is very active in Latin America particularly via our [Centre of Excellence in Chile](#). We have met a number of times with Mexican Officials and are keen to follow up. I would be happy to meet to discuss the SMI's capabilities and potential in Mexico at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

**Chris Moran**  
**Director**

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