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Dear Ms McDonald

Inquiry into water use by the extractive industry

Thank you for your invitation to respond to the Senate Environment and Communications References Committee on the adequacy of the regulatory framework governing water use by the extractive industry.

Please find attached the Department of the Environment and Energy's submission responding to the terms of reference.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Secretary
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