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Dear Committee

INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACTS AND MANAGEMENT OF FERAL HORSES IN THE AUSTRALIAN ALPS

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on 23 August 2023 for your Inquiry into the impacts and management of feral horses in the Australian Alps.

On reading the transcript of the hearing I wish to make a clarification of my evidence which was given in response to a question from Senator Hughes about funding. The transcript accurately records me as saying “*about 16,000 deer per year are shot through aerial shooting*” however for complete accuracy, I can confirm that figure relates to the number of deer shot since the commencement of the response to the 2019-20 bushfires in the alps.

Therefore, my evidence should read, *‘since the commencement of the response to the 2019-20 bushfires, about 16,000 deer have been shot through aerial shooting’*.

Yours sincerely,

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