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Dear Ms Radcliffe

### OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO COMMENTS BY HAMISH CUMMING

I refer to the email of Carol Stewart of 3 March 2015, that includes your letter to [REDACTED] of the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

Your letter refers to a submission to the Senate Select Committee on Wind Turbines from Mr Hamish Cumming. This submission makes serious allegations of corruption by senior public servants, including [REDACTED].

As [REDACTED] employer, I am responding on his behalf.

Mr Cumming has previously raised his concerns with the department and ministers on numerous occasions. His allegations have been thoroughly investigated and found to be unsubstantiated. In addition, in 2013 the Office of the Victorian Ombudsman advised Mr Cumming that no further action will be taken with regard to his complaints. On this basis, we suggest that the committee should not give any weight to Mr Cumming's recent submission.

The department is also concerned about the effects that these continual allegations are having on its staff and request that the contents of Mr Cumming's submission should not be published in any public report.

If you require further information about the previous interactions the department has had with Mr Cumming please contact Neil Robertson on [REDACTED] or alternatively by email at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

**Adam Fennessy**  
Secretary

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