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Committee Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary,

I write to correct evidence I gave at the hearing for the Inquiry on Australia's Antarctic Territory held on 15 February 2018.

I noted on page 10 of the transcript that Australia concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with China in 2015. I would correct the record to note that the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia on Cooperation in the field of Antarctic and Southern Ocean Affairs* was signed on 14 November 2014.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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