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Committee Secretary

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

PO Box 6100

Parliament House

Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Secretary,

Re: Additional information: Senate Inquiry into feral deer, goats and pigs

Recently the Tasmanian Department of Primary Industries, Park, Water and Environment provided its response to Senator Urquhart's Question taken on Notice regarding the status of the Tasmanian Government commitments made in response to the 2017 Legislative Council Inquiry into wild fallow deer. On the second page it was noted:

*The Government will implement 5 year crop protection permits for deer and explore further opportunities to support landholders to manage deer by streamlining or reducing red tape.*  
**Status: Completed**

It is important for the Committee to understand that while the item stated may be deemed to be correct it may also be seen as misleading. The five year crop protection permit for deer is not general. It is only available for:

- antlerless deer (females and buck fawns) and with constraints including the prohibition on any culling from 16 November to 14 March each following year
- King Island, all deer all year round

If you think the clarification I am providing is relevant, please forward it to members.

I am also taking the opportunity to provide photographic evidence of the significant presence of deer in the Tasmanian Midlands Biodiversity Hotspot (please refer to the enclosed USB). The location is adjacent to the property, "Kingston" visited by several members of the Committee late last year.

Yours faithfully

Simon Cameron

Video provided by Mr Simon Cameron of deer in the Tasmanian Midlands biodiversity hotspot:

Video 1 - <http://aph.gov.au/~media/4A1F855364A44A4790F375E5B279067E>

Video 2 - <http://aph.gov.au/~media/9C3A8CFDC82F4B79B3736548686BDB94>











