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Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
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Dear Dr Holland

Request for Amendment to Evidence provided at the Senate Inquiry into the Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012 Hearing on 16 August 2012

I am writing to correct a statement that I made at the Inquiry Hearing into the Low Aromatic Fuel Bill 2012 of the Senate Community Affairs Committee on 16 August 2012.

On page 27 of the Hansard transcript, Senator Smith asked the following question in relation storage facilities in Darwin:

Just step me through this: who are we negotiating with, and who is undertaking those negotiations around the storage facility?

I answered the following:

We are negotiating with a company called Vopak, which has an existing facility in Darwin and, as you said, it is about converting an existing tank to be able to store the Opal fuel. Those negotiations have come out of a procurement process that we conducted last year.

However, the response should now be amended as follows (changes are underlined):

We are negotiating with a company called Vopak, which has an existing facility in Darwin and, as you said, it is about converting an existing tank to be able to store the Opal fuel. Vopak was not engaged through a procurement process but was directly engaged in negotiations for funding after being identified as the only company able to offer suitable bulk fuel storage for low aromatic fuel in Darwin.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Sue Champion'.

Sue Champion
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30 August 2012