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Ref:

Ms Christine McDonald  
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Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications References Committee  
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Dear Ms McDonald

Thank you for your letter of 21 February 2014 regarding the Inquiry into the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area and in particular the publication of more detailed maps of the area the Australian Government has proposed for removal through a minor boundary adjustment.

The Department is currently reviewing its past practices in relation to publication of the dossiers relating to World Heritage Area nominations and will respond to the Committee's request in the context of the Department's submission to the inquiry. In this regard, I note that the closing date for submissions is 7 March 2014.

Yours sincerely

*Gordon de Brouwer*

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