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SUBMISSION10.....

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

Dear Quinton

Thank you for your letter of 14th October 2003 inviting the Australian Conservation Foundation to make a submission to the Committee's inquiry into the Australian Antarctic Territory.

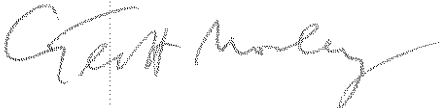
The task of preparing this submission was given to me by the Executive Director and I must apologise for not meeting your deadline of 5th December and for the slowness of this response.

In the past the Foundation has played a leading role in pressing for the protection of Antarctica as a whole and particularly in lobbying for the arrangements which were put in place through the Madrid Protocol.

The Foundation believes that the goal of complete protection and international cooperation to this end would be assisted by the inclusion of the whole region on the World Heritage list

We believe this objective needs to be built in to Australia's Antarctic Program.

Yours sincerely



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(Member of ACF Council)

For Executive Director

7th December, 2003

