



Senator Linda Reynolds CSC
Chair
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Reynolds

On 4 March 2016 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Additional Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing Senator Macdonald asked in relation to the Bioregional Assessment Programme:

“Do the states—in my case, Queensland—contribute to that work at all? Or is it done entirely at the cost of the Commonwealth taxpayer?”

In response I said:

“It is at the cost of the Commonwealth.”

I wish to correct this answer. The Queensland Government has contributed funding of \$135,000 for the following activities for the Galilee subregion: conceptual modelling, groundwater numerical model, water balance assessment, and an analysis of the cumulative impacts of mining.

I apologise for the error in my answer and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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