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**Response to Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
on the carp herpesvirus (koi herpesvirus)**

Dear Senator Sterle

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Dr Jackie Lighten's letter of 4 October 2017 regarding proposed carp biocontrol.

I would like to emphasise that the science underpinning The National Carp Control Plan is rigorous, repeatable, and transparent. All research resulting from the program will be publicly available, and scrutiny of this research, including peer review, is welcome.

Similarly, in his most recent letter, Dr Lighten notes that he is preparing a manuscript on carp biocontrol for submission to a peer-reviewed scientific journal. While I am unsure of the manuscript's content and focus, the National Carp Control Plan is completely open to scientific scrutiny. I therefore wish Dr Lighten every success with the publication, and look forward to reading it.

Kind regards,

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