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Senator Doug Cameron
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Senator Cameron

On 23 May 2012, I appeared as a witness before the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications 2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings.

During the Hearing, you asked me a number of questions regarding charges for accessing publications on the Supervising Scientist Division's website. These questions are on pages EC 23 and 24 of Hansard. In response to your questions, I stated that the Division does not charge for access to our publications on the website which I wish to clarify. While online access to, and downloading of, publications on the Supervising Scientist Division website is free, charges do apply if ordering hard copies of these publications on a cost recovery basis.

I also wish to correct my response to a question from Senator Ludlam on page EC 24 of Hansard in relation to the height of the last raise of the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) at Ranger Mine. While I correctly stated the current height of the crest of the TSF is RL58 metres, I incorrectly stated the height of the last lift was 3 metres. The height of the TSF crest was actually raised by 4 metres during the last lift, from RL54 metres to RL58 metres.

Yours sincerely

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