



**Australian Government**  
**Director of National Parks**

Senator A McEwen  
Chair  
Senate Standing Committee on Environment  
Communications and the Arts  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator McEwen

On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009, I appeared as a witness before the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts for the Additional Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing, Senator Scullion asked a question relating to the sustainable take of species under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) which appears on ECA 28 of the transcript.

My response to that question inferred that section 2(11) of the EPBC Act provides for a relationship with the Native Title Act. I wish to advise that in fact section 8 of the EPBC Act refers to section 211 of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

I also indicated that there is a provision under the EPBC Act for conservation and management plans for threatened species. The correct term is wildlife conservation plan.

It would be appreciated if you could please inform all committee members of these corrections.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Peter Cochrane'.

Peter Cochrane  
Director of National Parks

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