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Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

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



Dear Senator McEwen

On 29 May 2008, I appeared as a witness before the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts. At those hearings Senator Siewert asked the following question which appears on ECA 49 of the transcript.

“Have those goals and principles been reviewed – both the south-west ones and the national ones? Have they been peer reviewed?” In response I said “They were reviewed by – I could have the terminology wrong – the scientific reference panel that was for the south-east”

As I highlighted, I would like to clarify that the appropriate terminology is the “Scientific Peer Review Panel for the National Representative System of Marine Protected Areas”.

Yours sincerely

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