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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 questions which appear on ECA 53 and ECA 54 of the transcript.

1. How much shark has been taken out of that fishery, do we know? In response I said "...It has not been a targeted shark fishery, but we have seen a huge increase in the catches."

I would like to clarify that response to say, "It has not been a formally managed targeted shark fishery, but we have seen a huge increase in the catches and targeted effort, peaking in 2003."

2. At what stage is the assessment? In response I said: "...So they would like to start a directed, targeted shark fishery..."

I would like to clarify that response to say, "... they would like to introduce formal management arrangements to contain an existing and growing targeted shark fishery..."

Yours sincerely

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