



Australian Government

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 21 October 2008 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts for the Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing. During the hearing, Senator Siewert asked a question which appears on ECA 11 of the transcript.

In response to that question I indicated that \$75 million was paid last financial year for the second part of the Government's Wimmera-Mallee commitment. I wish to advise that in fact \$78 million was paid in that year. It would be appreciated if you could please inform all committee members of this correction.

Yours sincerely

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