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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Local Government**

Senator Glenn Sterle
Chair
Senate Estimates Committee
PO Box 6100
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Sterle

**Subject: Correction to statement made before the Senate Estimates
Committee on RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND
TRANSPORT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

I wish to advise the Committee of a correction to a statement I made before the Committee on 27 May 2009.

During the hearing I was asked a question by Senator Ian MacDonald on Australian Government funding of \$10 million provided to the Queensland Government to complete the planning and the widening of the Gateway Motorway, the two missing links, by no later than June 2009. I misunderstood the question as referring to the Australian Government funding allocated in 2009-10 for the Gateway Motorway from the Nation Building Program and gave a response stated that (Hansard page RRA&T 122):

“The \$125 million Australian Government contribution has been allocated to that project. However, planning will not commence now until 2009-10.”

While my comments have been recorded correctly these comments were not factually correct.

The \$10 million provided to the Queensland Government to complete the planning and the widening of the Gateway Motorway referred to by Senator MacDonald was provided from a separate allocation made under the Tackling Urban Congestion and Planning initiative. The funding was not part of the Nation Building Program funding of \$125 million I referred to in my response. The planning work being undertaken with the Urban Congestion funding is nearing completion.

Please accept my apologies for any confusion this matter may have caused.

Yours sincerely

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