

**INQUIRY INTO THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND  
BIODIVERSITY AMENDMENT (BIOREGIONAL PLANS) BILL 2011**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE BY PROFESSOR ROBERT  
KEARNEY at public hearing, Canberra, Friday 13 May 2011**

**CHAIR:** You may have to take these on notice, because we are just about out of time. You indicated that you agree with many of Dr Diggles' statements. Could you give to us some information on what statements you do not agree with that he has made, because it would be interesting to get that point of view.

**Prof. KEARNEY:** To be frank there is nothing in Dr Diggles' statement with which I disagree to the extent that it would be worth the inquiry's time to consider. My disagreements are extremely minor and involve technical explanations that I do not believe would really aid the inquiry.

Sincerely  
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