



11 May 2017

Senator Glenn Sterle
Chair
Senate Standing Committees on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Sterle

Re: Correction of Hansard – 10 April 2017 Public Hearing regarding White Spot Disease held in Brisbane

On Monday 10 April 2017, a delegation (Mr Tony Riesenweber, Mr Michael Wilkinson and myself) from the Queensland Seafood Industry Association (QSIA) appeared before the Senate Standing Committees on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport in Brisbane.

I initially responded to the call for corrections of the Hansard indicating I had no material to provide. On reflection, this was not correct and I would like the record corrected.

At the public hearing, I was about an offer for Queensland industry to be involved in an aquatic deed. The following is an email confirming I did not attend a meeting to discuss an aquatic deed (see Attachment 1):

Hello Eric

Further from our discussion by phone this afternoon, below please find the email we both received from Helen Jenkins dated 27 Dec 2016 in which she suggested you may like to attend the Feb 2017 Aquatic Deed WG mtg.

My recall is that I phoned you shortly after receiving this email & you declined attending but referred me onto Johnathon Davey, Chair of National Seafood Industry Alliance. As a result I extended an invitation to Johnathon who subsequently attended the Feb 2017 Aquatic Deed WG mtg. Johnathon joined the Aquatic Deed WG and has participated in WG discussions since.

Regards

Jane Frances | Manager Special Projects
NSW Department of Primary Industries | Port Stephens Fisheries Institute

I can further advise that I asked Mr Johnathon Davey (Chair, National Seafood Industry Alliance) on 11 January 2017 to attend a face to face meeting on the issue; and

I can find no record of attending a meeting on the creation of an aquatic deed and as I stated at the public hearing I have no recollection of attending any teleconference on the issue.

Eric Perez

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