



THE SENATE

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

31 July 2013

Senator the Hon. John Hogg  
President of the Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr President,

Pursuant to Senate standing order 38(7), I present to you an interim report of the Senate Environment and Communications References Committee's inquiry into the effectiveness of threatened species and ecological communities' protection in Australia.

The committee is completing its final report. The committee intends to present the final report on 7 August 2013.

Yours sincerely,

**Senator Simon Birmingham**  
**Chair**