

18 October 2006

Dr Ian Holland
Secretary
Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Holland

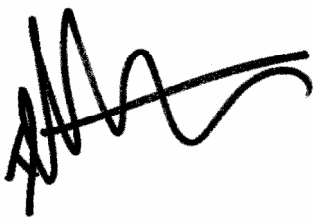
Inquiry into the Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the provisions of the Environment and Heritage Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2006, which amends the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act).

The Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC) is committed to sustainable development, and is pleased to support the changes to the EPBC Act. The changes reinforce a commitment to sustainable development whilst recognising the need to streamline the processes associated with managing sustainable development.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely



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