



**Australian Government**  
**Director of National Parks**

Senator John Williams  
Chair  
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Williams

On 18 November 2013 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing Senator Milne asked, in relation to the World Parks Congress

*"I wanted to ask about the World Parks Congress, which Australia will host next year...but I wanted to know whether we have had any more significant fundraising initiatives or sponsorship and how we are going at approaching people about that. In particular, in relation to the pre and post Parks Congress tours, what opportunities are being offered to other states or communities to be integrated? Do you bid for these? How does it work? Could you just give me an update on where you are up to, please?"*

and

*"What is the avenue for interested NGOs to be able to make suggestions and get engaged with that process? Who is the contact person in the department or how do they go about it? Is there a website they engage through?"*

In my responses to the above questions I indicated that the call for expressions of interest was currently open on the World Parks Congress website.

I wish to correct my answer to these questions. The Call for Engagement will open on the website ([www.worldparkscongress.org](http://www.worldparkscongress.org)) in mid December 2013.

I apologise for the error in my answers and trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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