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Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
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Via email: fpa.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Committee Chair,

During EY Australia's most recent appearance at the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration, a member of the Committee attempted to table a set of anonymously submitted documents in relation to a previously tabled statutory declaration ("the Documents"), while making significant allegations about EY Australia's historical audit work for Peabody between 2003-2008.

We have since been made aware that the Documents were also tabled in the House of Representatives by The Hon Andrew Wilkie, MP, on February 13 2024.

Having had the opportunity to review these documents, EY Australia continues to stand by our response to the anonymous submission, which was made to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services in December 2023; and again during testimony before this Committee during the hearing on 9 February 2024. The statutory declaration contains no new information to support the anonymous submission.

We would also note for this Committee's benefit that the remainder of the documents tabled by Mr Wilkie, and shared with us during the hearing by Senator Pocock, do not relate to Peabody, do not support the allegations made in the anonymous submission and do not provide any evidence to support the allegations made by Senator Pocock in the hearing.

Notwithstanding the above, we look forward to continuing to engage with the Committee to support the important work to strengthen public confidence in the Commonwealth's engagement with external service providers and look forward to the Committee's report.

Regards,

Leigh Walker
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