



Australian Government

**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Communications**

Senator Andrew Bragg
Chair
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Chair

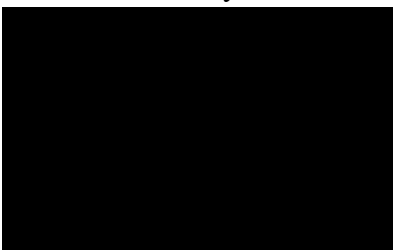
I wish to correct an error in fact in my evidence to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee during Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings on Monday, 29 November 2021.

Senator Green asked to explain the policy reason for why the recently played ICC Men's T20 World Cup Final was not included on the anti-siphoning list given the decision to delay the sunseting of that instrument was made in April 2021 (page 5 of Proof of Committee Hansard). I replied that the decision taken in April was that the current anti-siphoning list remained relevant and reasonable, and it made sense to roll over current arrangements.

I would like to correct that the policy decision was to delay the sunseting of the anti-siphoning list, and continue current arrangements, and that it is expected that the anti-siphoning list, and the broader anti-siphoning scheme, will be reviewed before 1 April 2023. The decision, as provided in the explanatory statement for the deferral certificate, also accounted for the Australian Government's focus on the current stage of media reforms, with the consultation on the *Media Reform Green Paper: Modernising television regulation in Australia* being conducted at that time.

I apologise to you and to the honourable Senators for the error. I would be grateful if the record could be corrected.

Yours sincerely



Richard Windeyer
Deputy Secretary

10 December 2021