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Dear Mr Fitt

This letter is to correct information provided by the ACCC at its appearance before the Economics Legislation Committee on Tuesday, 27 October 2020. Refer to information provided on page 99 of the Hansard.

We would like to correct an inaccurate statement we made with regards to the Statement of Expectations issued on 9 October 2020 to the ACCC by the Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts, Paul Fletcher:

*Senator McALLISTER: Have you ever received one from the minister for communications before?*

*Mr Sims: My understanding is we have not, unless Mr Cosgrave has a different answer. Am I right, Mr Cosgrave, that we haven't had one from the minister for communications, in your memory?*

*Mr Cosgrave: That's correct. We've not previously had one from the minister for communications.*

Our response to Senator McAllister's question was incorrect. The Statement of Expectations issued by Minister Fletcher on 9 October 2020 was not the first the ACCC has received from the Minister for Communications. We previously received a Statement of Expectations from the then Minister Fifield on 11 February 2019. This was received shortly prior to caretaker period for the May 2019 Federal Election and was not made public. Following the Federal Election there was a change in Minister. As a consequence of this change and after consultation with the then Department of Communications and the Arts, no Statement of Intent was prepared.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact Lisa Knight on  
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Yours sincerely

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