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Dear Senator

**Re: Hansard Correction – Friday 25 May 2018**

I have reviewed the proof Hansard of the Budget Estimates 2018 hearing conducted by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on Friday 25 May 2018 and I wish to make several factual corrections. I provide them as an attachment to this letter.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transcript of the Budget Estimates 2018 hearing.

Yours sincerely

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June 2018

*Attachment: Corrections to Hansard of Budget Estimates hearing on 25 May 2018*

## **Attachment- Corrections to Hansard of Budget Estimates hearing on 25 May 2018**

### **Correction 1:**

The correction relates to a question by Senator Farrell which can be found on page 4 of the proof Hansard:

*“Then, finally, we anticipate that those enduring solutions will be given effect through the water resource plans across all the catchments in the northern basin which are due for completion at 30 June 2019 and need to be accredited by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.”*

I wish to highlight to the committee that on page 4 I mistakenly stated the above and the corrected answer is provided below.

*“Then, finally, we anticipate that those enduring solutions will be given effect through the water resource plans across all the catchments in the northern basin which are due for completion at 30 June 2019 and need to be assessed by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority for accreditation by the Commonwealth Water Minister.”*

### **Correction 2:**

The correction relates to a question by Senator McAllister which can be found on page 5 of the proof Hansard:

*“It requires, by 2019, that in effect the states' water management arrangements be accredited by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.”*

I wish to highlight to the committee that on page 5 I mistakenly stated the above and the corrected answer is provided below.

*“It requires, by 2019, that in effect the states' water management arrangements be assessed by the Murray-Darling Basin Authority for accreditation by the Commonwealth Water Minister.”*

### **Correction 3:**

The correction relates to a question by Senator Hanson-Young directed to Ms Kelly Casey which can be found on page 17 of the proof Hansard:

*“In responding to this element of the order, I believe two documents were tabled, two email chains, that were between the Environmental Water Holder and our chief executive in the date range. The draft correspondence that you have referred to was not tabled in response to that order, but I understand it was subsequently made available publicly.”*

I wish to advise the committee that since the hearing it has been drawn to my attention that the documents referred to in this question were letters not emails, as such the corrected answer is provided below.

*"In responding to this element of the order, I believe two documents were tabled, two signed letters, which were between the Environmental Water Holder and our chief executive in the date range. The draft correspondence that you have referred to was not tabled in response to that order, but I understand it was subsequently made available publicly."*

**Correction 4:**

I would like to make a correction to my response to a question by Senator Patrick. The relevant dialogue is on page 21 of the Hansard:

*"The second step is how much of the water is actually being used not by individual users but by the average of those entitlement holders for each class. Across all of the catchments in the basin and across all of the different entitlement types, there are over 150 entitlements."*

I wish to highlight to the committee that on page 21 I mistakenly stated the above and have corrected my answer below.

*"The second step is how much of the water is actually being used not by individual users but by the average of those entitlement holders for each class. Across all of the catchments in the basin and across all of the different entitlement types, there are over 150 entitlement classes."*

**Correction 5:**

I would like to make a correction to my response to a question by Senator McAllister. The relevant dialogue is on page 42 of the Hansard:

*"The cap factors in themselves won't impact the sustainable diversion limit. The sustainable diversion limit is the limit set by the basin plan following acquisition of water that sets the cap on use. So it's an absolutely fundamental element of the basin plan. The cap factors do allow us to be confident that we've acquired enough water so that when we enforce that cap factor we won't adversely impact other consumptive water users—irrigators, urban use, stock and domestic et cetera. So the cap factor, as I gave evidence earlier, relates to the use of water."*

I wish to highlight to the committee that on page 42 I mistakenly stated the above and have corrected my answer below.

*"The cap factors in themselves won't impact the sustainable diversion limit. The sustainable diversion limit is the limit set by the basin plan following acquisition of water that sets the cap on use. So it's an absolutely fundamental element of the basin plan. The cap factors do*

*allow us to be confident that we've acquired enough water so that when we enforce that sustainable diversion limit we won't adversely impact other consumptive water users—irrigators, urban use, stock and domestic et cetera. So the cap factor, as I gave evidence earlier, relates to the use of water.”*

**Correction 6:**

The correction relates to a question by Senator Hanson-Young directed to Mr Phillip Glyde which can be found on page 50 of the proof Hansard:

*“Senator HANSON-YOUNG: And how many of those work in public affairs, media and communications—that part of the organisation?”*

*Mr Glyde: Twenty five. We have an area that looks after media, communications and engagement.*

*CHAIR: I think you were corrected there to 29.*

*Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Is it 25 or 29? Mr Glyde: Sorry, 29. My apologies for that.”*

I wish to advise the committee that since the hearing it has been drawn to my attention that the number that was provided was incorrect, as such the corrected answer is provided below.

*“Senator HANSON-YOUNG: And how many of those work in public affairs, media and communications—that part of the organisation?”*

*Mr Glyde: Twenty five. We have an area that looks after media, communications and engagement.*

*CHAIR: I think you were corrected there to 29.*

*Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Is it 25 or 29?*

*Mr Glyde: My original answer of 25 is correct.”*

**Correction 7:**

The correction relates to a question by Senator Hanson-Young directed to Mr Phillip Glyde which can be found on page 51 of the proof Hansard:

*“Senator HANSON-YOUNG: What makes you confident that the Papps letter didn't come from somebody on your team?”*

*Mr Glyde: Because there were two people that received that letter: two people had access to my inbox—my executive assistant and me—and our mail records show that neither of us sent that document out.”*

I wish to highlight to the committee that on page 51 I mistakenly stated the above and have corrected my answer below.

*“Senator HANSON-YOUNG: What makes you confident that the Papps letter didn't come from somebody on your team?”*

*Mr Glyde: The letter was received into the inbox of an officer from my office. Only that officer has access to the inbox and our email records show that the document was not forwarded from that inbox.”*

