



Senator Barry O'Sullivan Chair
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee Parliament
House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Chair

Having reviewed the transcripts of Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee on Thursday 04 April 2019, the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation would like to identify two factual mistakes made in providing evidence to the Committee.

The first correction relates to the spelling of Jamie Allnutt's name in the FRDC section starting on Page 56. It should be spelt ending in two Ts.

The second correction relates to the correction of terminology Dr Patrick Hone used in his response to a question asked by Senator Ketter. The relevant dialogue is on page 60 (page 64 of the PDF) of the Hansard:

Dr Hone: The council of R&D corporations—we have released our report. It had two recommendations. One is that the RDCs have to reform the way we invest in 'national public good' research and we have to do more heavy lifting. The second part of the report was that we need a structure nationally that connects CSIRO, the universities and other institutes who invest so that we can partner better. We don't actually have a leadership hub where we come together; that is fragmented. Given that the RDCs are only a small part, when the **AgriFutures report** comes out and says that, as its priority, we need something to take the system leadership in these big issues that we need to do as a nation—how we address future water needs, drought reform, issues around plastics and chemicals and climate change—I think it makes really good sense that we need a leadership structure that leads that and the research informs that leadership.

I wish to advise the committee that the correct terminology is **Ernst and Young report (Agricultural Innovation—a national approach to grow Australia's future)** not AgriFutures report.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transcript of the hearings and to provide clarification on the above points.

Yours sincerely

Dr Patrick Hone

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