



Australian Government

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

Senator Susan McDonald
Chair
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator McDonald

I refer to the appearance of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development (the Department) before the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee at the Estimates Hearing on Friday, 25 October 2019. There were some technical inaccuracies in the evidence I gave that I would like to correct for the record.

The Department was asked several questions in relation to water infrastructure projects, including funding and status. The first response appears in the Proof of Committee Hansard as follows:

***Dr Bacon:** Yes. As I mentioned, we have the \$1.5 billion National Water Infrastructure Development Fund, and we've now committed \$1.48 billion from that fund to fund capital infrastructure for 21 water infrastructure projects. Those projects are underway. We're happy to provide details in relation to some of those projects, if that would be useful.*

Date: Friday, 25 October 2019

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I write to provide the following correction to the discussions on pages 15, 43 and 53:

The Australian Government funding commitment of \$1.48 billion for 21 water infrastructure projects includes funding under both the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund (the Fund) and the National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility (the Loan Facility). Of the 21 projects, two projects include commitments under both the Fund and the Loan Facility. As at 25 October 2019, eight projects had been contracted through the Fund.

I would appreciate if you could please note this for the information of the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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