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Ms Christine McDonald
Secretary
Environment and Communications References Committee
Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms McDonald

Inquiry into the Great Barrier Reef 2050 Partnership Program

I refer to your letter of 14 August 2018 requesting a copy of advice provided by AGS to the Minister for Environment and Energy or to the Department of the Environment and Energy.

As your request relates to confidential legal work performed by AGS for the Department of Environment and Energy, we have consulted with the Department with a view to ascertaining whether the Minister for the Environment wishes AGS not to provide the requested material to the Committee on public interest grounds.

We understand that the Minister is considering the matter and we will communicate further with the Committee once we know of the Minister's position.

Yours sincerely

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