



Local Land Services Murray

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Senator Anne Urquhart
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Dear Senator Urquhart,

Provision of further information regarding evidence given

Thank you for the opportunity to appear as a witness before the Inquiry into the National Landcare Program on 29 August 2014.

I would like to clarify a response I made in regard to a question relating to levels of funding available to regional natural resource bodies in NSW over time. My response during the inquiry inaccurately estimated that reductions to funding would be in the order of two-thirds. I would like to correct this information to reflect more likely reductions of approximately one third of total funding from all sources of Australian Government funding programs and over the period from National Heritage Trust onwards. I am using an estimate as this also includes a range of contestable funding sources such as the contestable component of Caring for our Country and the Biodiversity fund, which obviously varied between regional bodies. Please also note that over the period some of the administration arrangements and boundaries of NSW regions have changed leading to variation in the levels of funding for particular regions.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate and I am happy to provide further clarification if required.

Yours sincerely,

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