

Dr Jane Thomson
Committee Secretary
Senate Select Committee on COVID-19
Parliament House
CANBERRA
ACT 2600

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Dear Dr Thomson

I am writing to make a necessary variation in my evidence to the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 on 25 June 2019.

At page 17 of the draft transcript, I am reported as stating "... this was the understanding in the week of 13 to 22 May at the level of the premiers ...".

As will be obvious from the context and my earlier and subsequent discussion, I was in fact referring to the week of 13 to 22 March, not the week of 13 to 22 May.

I understand the policies of Hansard in relation to these things, but this seems to me to fall on the side of the argument that would, with the approval of the Committee, be able to be amended in the final version.

In any event, I would be grateful if this could be brought to the Committee's attention and whatever corrective action may be required can be taken.

Also, in the corrected transcript I forwarded to you on 26 June, I made a marginal note at the line that records me as saying "In Australia, 7,000 people paid with their lives....".

My note was to include the words "and health".

However, re-reading the transcript the words I spoke are what I meant to say, so the marginal note should be disregarded.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Bowtell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end. There is a small mark above the signature, possibly a stray pen stroke or a checkmark.

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