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Dear Senator

I refer to the Interim Report tabled on 14 September 2023 (Interim Report) by the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (the Committee) in relation to its inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host the Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games.

I am writing to request that a factual error in the Interim Report be corrected. The factual error appears in paragraph 1.35 of the Interim Report, as follows:

'[T]he Secretary of the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet wrote to a number of non-government witnesses scheduled to attend hearings instructing these witnesses to give consideration to the Victorian Government's claims of public interest immunity or intergovernmental immunity with respect to certain classes of information.'

This statement is factually incorrect. I wrote to only one non-government witness who was scheduled to attend a hearing before the Committee for this inquiry. That letter stated that the witness should have regard to the Victorian Government's position in relation to classes of information that are subject to public interest immunity and intergovernmental immunity.

I respectfully request that the Committee put the above correction on the record of the inquiry and correct the error in the Interim Report.

Yours sincerely

Jeremi Moule
Secretary

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Dear Mr Larnach

I refer to your letter dated 19 October 2023 sent on behalf of the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee (Committee) in relation to its inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host the Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games (Inquiry).

Your letter seeks further information in relation to the Inquiry. I note the Victorian Government's position outlined in the letter from the former Premier, the Hon Daniel Andrews, to the Committee, dated 21 August 2023, which advised that the Victorian Government will not be making a submission and Victorian officials and Ministers will respectfully decline any invitations to appear at any hearings in relation to this Inquiry. Consistently with that correspondence, I respectfully decline to provide the further information requested.

Further, I understand that the former Premier in his letter dated 25 August 2023 to the Committee advised that the Victorian Government claims public interest immunity and intergovernmental immunity over certain categories of evidence that persons connected with the State may be asked to provide to this Inquiry. That letter also noted that a copy of the letter would be provided to those persons connected with the State whom the Committee had invited or summonsed to give evidence before it.

Your letter dated 19 October 2023 was sent in response my letter of 22 September 2023 (enc.) which requested that the Committee correct a factual error in its Interim Report dated 14 September 2023.

I consider that my letter of 22 September 2023 provides sufficient information to enable the Committee to correct the factual error in its Interim Report. I respectfully reiterate my request that the Committee do so at its earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Jeremi Moule
Secretary

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Encl. Letter from Jeremi Moule to the Hon Matt Canavan, dated 22 September 2023