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To: [Committee, Climate Integrity \(SEN\)](#)
Subject: Correction to false evidence given by Australian Conservation Foundation
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Dear Secretary,

I write on behalf of Hancock Prospecting in relation to false evidence given to the Senate Select Committee on Information Integrity on Climate Change and Energy on Wednesday 12 November 2025 by a representative of the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF).

During the evidence given by ACF Director of Engagement, Ms Jane Gardner, Hancock Prospecting Executive Chairman Mrs Gina Rinehart AO was referred to as a “coal billionaire”.

This is factually incorrect. The vast majority of Hancock Prospecting’s business is iron ore mining and iron ore is not coal nor a fossil fuel – it is a naturally occurring mineral from which iron is extracted. It’s used to make steel, not energy. Additionally, Hancock Prospecting does not own any operating coal projects.

In the spirit of information integrity, and noting the Hansard is unable to be amended, we respectfully ask that the Senate Select Committee publishes this correspondence to publicly correct the record on this important distinction.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Kind regards,
Hancock Prospecting



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