

19 January 2019

Senator Janet Rice
Chair, Senate Standing Committee on
Environment and Communications
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Rice,

Senate Inquiry – Australia's Faunal Extinction Crisis

On Thursday, 23 November 2018, VicForests gave evidence before the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications.

During our submission, VicForests agreed to provide, on notice, information relating to our harvest levels in the Central Highlands and contribution to research at the University of Melbourne.

On 17 December, we provided initial information in regard to each of these areas as requested.

We also provide the following clarification to the Hansard proof, as requested by 18 January 2019.

Page 47 Question re: Leadbeater's possum habitat.

Answer: Seventy per cent of the Leadbeater's possum home range in the Central Highlands is of course in reserved areas for the possum and other biodiversity, which will never be harvested. The home range is about 204,000 hectares, and we only harvest in about 30 per cent of that area, with the annual harvest area only about 800 hectares of the 204,000 hectares.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me on

Kind regards.

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