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Senator the Hon Chris Black
Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
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Dear Senator Black *Chris,*

I refer to your letter of 10 November 2016 to my colleague, the Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, concerning the Senate Committee Inquiry into the Civil Nuclear Transfer to India Bill and inviting Minister Hunt to make a submission. Minister Hunt has referred your letter to me as I have portfolio responsibility for uranium exports.

As one of the world's largest producers of uranium, Australia continues to be a long-term responsible supplier of uranium globally. Australia has a leadership role in ensuring the sustainable development and responsible use of this important energy resource.

India offers an important alternative and a growing market for Australian uranium with aims to expand its nuclear generation 10-fold by 2030 to counter pollution and meet the rapidly growing demand for electricity.

I strongly support the passage of this legislation as a means of giving legal and commercial security to Australian uranium exporters as they endeavour to take advantage of this emerging market opportunity.

I understand my department provided a brief submission within the 17 November 2016 timeframe to assist the Committee's deliberations. Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Canavan