

9 May 2016

Senator Linda Reynolds CSC  
Chair  
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Reynolds,

On 5 May 2016 I appeared as a witness before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Estimates Hearing.

At the Committee hearing words to the effect of the following exchange occurred:

**Senator Madigan:** *Mr Yates can you confirm whether the Australian Federal Police have held any discussions with anyone from the office of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation in relation to the CEFC debt financing of the Cape Bridgewater Wind Farm?*

**Mr Yates:** *I can't confirm it because I am not aware of it Senator.*

And later:

**Senator Madigan:** *Finally, just for clarity, you're not aware of any investigation by the AFP, or any discussions with your office of the CEFC generally.*

**Mr Yates:** *I'm not aware, Senator.*

These answers are correct.

However, to assist the Committee and the honourable Senator, I have discussed the questions with my staff and looked into the matter and can provide the following additional information:

- In reference to the question "Mr Yates can you confirm whether the Australian Federal Police have held any discussions with anyone from the office of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation in relation to the CEFC's debt financing of the Cape Bridgewater Wind Farm?" - I can advise that to date no such discussions have occurred.

- In reference to the question “Finally, so just for clarity, you’re not aware of any investigation by the AFP, or any discussions with your office or the CEFC generally.” - I can now further advise:
  - An AFP officer contacted the organisation on 1 February 2016 seeking to know the appropriate officer to contact within the CEFC, in the event that information may be required in relation to an unspecified application for CEFC finance.
  - There was nothing in this contact to connect it to Cape Bridgewater or indeed any particular application or investment.
  - As requested, the CEFC provided (to the AFP) the appropriate CEFC contact officers’ details on the same day. The relevant contact officer also sent a direct email to the AFP officer inviting him to contact him at any time.
  - However, there was no follow up from the AFP officer and the CEFC has had no further contact from the AFP regarding this initial enquiry.

I trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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