



Australian Government
Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park Authority

Senator David Bushby
Chair
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Bushby

On 5 May 2016, Dr Russell Reichelt, Chairman of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, appeared as a witness before the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Estimates Hearing.

During the hearing Senator Waters said in relation to Shen Neng (Hansard p26)

Thank you for putting that beyond doubt. I will pass that on. Moving on to the Shen Neng 1 clean-up, which we have discussed a number of times in estimates previously. The last time I asked you about it, about a year ago, you described the clean-up as urgent. Can you update me on whether it has progressed.

Dr Reichelt's response, as recorded in Hansard is

The claims have been amended. We are taking legal action to seek costs for the clean-up. Recently—within the last month—we have been very specific in that claim to the court of \$1 million for the clean-up.

This answer has been incorrectly recorded, as Dr Reichelt actually stated that

The claims have been amended. We are taking legal action to seek costs for the clean-up. Recently—within the last month—we have been very specific in that claim to the court of \$141 million for the clean-up.

I apologise for not identifying this error earlier. I trust this further information will be of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

Simon Banks
Acting Chairman
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
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