Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Answers to questions on notice **Environment and Energy portfolio**

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Topic: Protecting National Historic Sites program - Bondi Pavilion – Traditional

Owners

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Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

With regard to the \$1m grant Waverley Council received under the Department of the Environment's Protecting National Historic Sites program for the design phase of the Bondi Pavilion upgrade. The application that is the basis of Waverley Council receiving the \$1m grant states that the Council is 'able to obtain the necessary permits and support from the relevant traditional owners'. Did you check the veracity of this statement?

Answer:

All Applicants to the 2014-15 Protecting National Historic Sites program were required to make a range of declarations within their Application, including that they are able to get the necessary permissions and approvals to support the project. Based on the responses made by Waverley Council to questions in the Application Form, and their declarations, the Department assessed the Council as being capable of delivering the project.