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Dear Senator Sterle

Subject: Clarification of evidence provided at the May 2009 Estimates Hearings

I write regarding statements made at the Senate Estimates Hearings held on 28 May 2009.

At the time of the hearings information was unintentionally given that was inaccurate. The excerpts appear in the Hansard as follows:

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In response to a question from Senator Heffernan regarding the current status of a subdivision approval for Tralee, I stated:

Ms Ellis – ‘My understanding of the current status of the Tralee proposal is that the land has been zoned residential...’

Please be advised that: While it is a matter for the NSW Government, rezoning of the land in question to residential has not yet occurred. I am advised that the Queanbeyan City Council Government is in the process of developing a Local Environment Plan for the land in question, and this is one step in the process towards rezoning it to residential.

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In response to a question from Senator Heffernan regarding the exemption of State Aircraft and, for example the United States President’s Aircraft ‘Air Force One’ from

the provisions of the *Sydney Airport Curfew 1995* and the *Adelaide Airport Curfew Act 2000* I stated:

Ms Ellis – ‘...my understanding is that state aircraft are exempt ...’

Please be advised that: State aircraft, which includes Defence Force aircraft, are not exempt from the provisions of the *Sydney Airport Curfew Act 1995* or the *Adelaide Airport Curfew Act 2000*.

I apologise for the inaccuracy and trust this correction will remove any ambiguity.

Yours sincerely



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