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Deputy Chief Executive Officer

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Senator Fiona Nash
Chair
Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport – References Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Nash

Inquiry into the Removal of Rebate for AQIS Export Certification Functions

Further to my letter 9 September, the Secretariat of the Committee contacted me this morning to advise that the Committee had decided to takedown the Austrade submission from its website. The Secretariat also indicated that the Committee had asked whether I would like to send a further letter withdrawing the submission.

My letter of 9 September was designed to correct the record with respect to the status of the Austrade submission. I wasn't aware of the Senate rules as to how such a submission would then be handled and didn't want to presume on the prerogative of the Committee. Against this background, and in view of the Committee's question conveyed to me by the Secretariat, I would like to withdraw the submission forwarded to the Committee on 4 September.

Yours sincerely

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