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Dear Mr Blunt

I write to provide the Government's response to the report of the Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Law and Justice entitled *Mining Amendment (Compensation for Cancellation of Exploration Licence) Bill 2019* (Report 72, 30 October 2019), for tabling in the Legislative Council.

I would like to thank the Committee members for their work in relation to this difficult issue.

The Government supports the Committee's first recommendation, "that the Mining Amendment (Compensation for Cancellation of Exploration Licence) Bill 2019 not proceed in its current form", for the reasons given in the report.

The Government notes the Committee's second recommendation, "that the Government address the outstanding matters raised during this inquiry, where appropriate, including the issue of compensation for innocent shareholders."

The Government reserves its position on the outstanding matters.

Yours sincerely

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