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Ms Sue Higginson MLC Chair Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 7 - Planning and Environment Parliament House SYDNEY NSW 2000

By email: budget.estimates@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Higginson

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify the evidence I provided to Portfolio Committee No.7 – Planning and Environment during the Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Heritage hearing for Budget Estimates on 7 March 2024.

At the hearing you asked a question about reviewing net zero emissions modelling that has been used to calculate State emissions reduction. I advised the following: "It's work that the department does. I think the dashboard was last updated for 2021, but Brendan will be able to clarify. There's work currently happening at the moment which is being peer reviewed and we're expecting that will be finalised shortly." (Page 65 of the uncorrected transcript). I wish to clarify my evidence to confirm that the NSW Net Zero Emissions Dashboard was last updated with 2022 projections.

If you have any further questions about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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