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Dear Ms Higginson MLC

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 29 August 2025.

At the hearing, you asked me a question about the number of Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits (AHIPs) that have been granted in the last twelve months. In my response, I advised the following: *“If I go 2024-25, we have 72 AHIPs. We have 28 variations, eight AHIP surrenders and two AHIP transfers. We have five AHIPs we haven’t accepted, and then we have nine AHIPs withdrawn”* (page 86 of the uncorrected transcript).

I wish to amend my evidence to clarify that the 2024-25 Financial Year figures should be: 133 AHIPs granted, 49 variations, 12 surrenders, five transfers, 10 not accepted and six withdrawn. Please note a breakdown is also being provided as part of the Department’s supplementary question answers.

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

Yours sincerely

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