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The Hon. Mark Banasiak MLC
Chair
Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No.4 - Industry

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Dear Chair

Subject: Clarification of Budget Estimates hearing transcript

I write to advise of a clarification that is required to evidence given by myself at the Budget Estimates hearing for Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No.4 – Industry, on 10 March 2020.

Clarification of answer given

I wish to clarify my statement on page 61. The first time I heard of a letter from Minister Pavey to the Natural Resources Commission on the Draft Report of the Barwon Darling Water Sharing Plan was from a telephone call from a Sydney Morning Herald journalist on Sunday 25th August 2019. This telephone call was later followed by an email at 1.24pm Sunday 25th August 2019 in which the journalist referred to a letter that he had been told about. At 1.58pm Sunday 25 August the journalist wrote in an email that some of the letter had been read to him.

This letter dated 23 August 2019 was received by the generic NRC email address on Sunday 25 August at 4.31pm. This email address is monitored by administrative staff who opened it on Monday 26 August 2019 and then shared the letter with the Commissioner and myself.

Earlier that morning, the article was published by the Sydney Morning Herald.

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/nsw/water-fight-minister-attacks-river-scientists-20190825-p52kir.html>

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Please publish my clarifications above. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on

Yours sincerely,

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