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Dear Ms Faehrmann

I write to provide a clarification to my evidence given in the Budget Estimates Inquiry hearing for the Energy and Environment portfolio, held on 26 October 2021. I provide the advice below out of an abundance of caution.

During the course of the hearing, I was asked a number of questions in relation to management of wombat mange. I provided the following statements:

*...we are doing work at Bents Basin. We have been trialling a couple of different techniques to try to address the problem of mange. We had some initial success. Unfortunately, that initial success has been undone so we have moved on to trialling a second agent, Bravecto, which is showing some early signs of success (pg 43).*

*Mr Pearson, you asked about moxidectin. I just wanted to confirm that is an active ingredient in cydectin, which is one of the measures that we have trialled. So we have trialled it. It was initially successful and not so successful going forward, so we have moved onto trialling something else (pg 69).*

To clarify, the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is involved in a long-term pilot program at Bents Basin State Conservation Area to trial treatment options for wombat's affected by sarcoptic mange. This initially involved the use of Cydectin (moxidectin) applied to burrow flaps which had initial, but not long lasting, success.

NPWS is now partnering with the University of Sydney to trial a potentially longer lasting agent, Bravecto; a novel therapeutic showing early signs of success in treating mange. While planning and preparations are well advanced, the operational deployment of the agent has not yet commenced.

I trust this information is of assistance, and please do not hesitate to contact my office on should you need any further information.

Yours sincerely

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**Deputy Secretary**  
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