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Mr Bret Walker SC  
Royal Commissioner  
Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission  
GPO Box 1445, Adelaide SA 5001

Dear Mr Walker

I refer to recent public commentary following statements made by Mr Beasley SC, Senior Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission, regarding CSIRO's response to the Royal Commission.

I wish to clarify CSIRO's response to the Royal Commission. As you are aware, the High Court is currently considering significant issues in relation to the Royal Commission, including whether it has the power to summons current and former employees of the Commonwealth. In considering these issues, the High Court may make a range of comments in relation to the Royal Commission and its operations which are relevant for CSIRO and its staff to consider. CSIRO and its staff wish to remain respectful of the High Court and the legal process, and to allow it the benefit of issuing its decision before taking further steps in relation to this matter.

CSIRO will be happy to resume any further communications regarding the Royal Commission once the High Court has issued its decision.

I understand this has previously been communicated to the Commission by Dr Pollino and Dr Lamontagne.

In the meantime, should you wish to contact CSIRO please provide any further correspondence to myself or alternately Ms Mae Gan, Senior Legal Counsel, on 03 9662 7424 or email [mae.gan@csiro.au](mailto:mae.gan@csiro.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P Mayfield". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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