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Dear Minister

Re: Request for clarification of SA Government Submission

Thank you for your letter of 26 June 2018, and the attached South Australian Government's submission to the Royal Commission. I am grateful for the State's contribution.

As you would be aware, the public hearings for the Commission commenced on 18 May 2018. A great deal of evidence is now before the Commission in the form of sworn testimony, expert reports, written submissions and other documents. Much of the evidence has been called or provided by eminent scientists.

The time for my report is 1 February 2019 (which, with printing time, effectively means my report must largely be finished by early December this year).

There are a number of clarifications I seek from the Government in relation to its submission.

Attached is my list of questions in respect of the State Government's submission. I would appreciate a timely response, by no later than Friday 7 September 2018.

All of the questions I have posed are matters in relation to which, I anticipate, the State Government has a ready answer.

Given the public nature of this Royal Commission, I note that this letter, my list of questions and any response by you will be published on the Commission website. That approach is also consistent with the public nature of the State Government's submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bret Walker".

Bret Walker
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