



Office of the Commissioner for
Sustainability and the Environment

Mr Brendan Smyth MLA
Chair
Select Committee on Estimates 2015-2016
Legislative Assembly
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Smyth

I write to clarify a statement I made at the Select Committee on Estimates 2015-16, held on 23 June 2015, relating to a question asked by Ms Lawder (Page 878 of Proof Hansard, Inquiry into the ACT Appropriation Bill 2015-2016 and the Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2015-2016:

“MS LAWDER: To your knowledge has the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment ever self-referred a complaint?

Mr Neil: I do not think so. However, in talking to the inaugural commissioner, I think he said he did one himself. I think it was the motorsports one that he took on, but it is very hard to find the paperwork on that. Apart from that one—if in fact that is where it came from—no.”

Upon checking this Office’s 1998-99 Annual Report, I found the following excerpt:

“for the first time since the creation of this office, I initiated an investigation under paragraph 12 (1)(c) of the Act in March 1999. This was on the ACT Government’s progress towards no waste by 2010 on “A Waste Management Strategy for Canberra - *No Waste by 2010*”.

The inaugural commissioner, therefore, did initiate an investigation but it related to the ACT Government’s progress towards no waste by 2010 not one relating to motorsports.

Yours sincerely

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