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Dear Mr Hanson *Jeremy*

I write in response to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety's (the Committee's) Scrutiny Report 1 of 2 February 2021. This letter specifically addresses comments made by the Committee on Disallowable Instrument DI2020-284 being the *Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Appointment 2020 (No 3)*.

I note the comments in the Scrutiny Report in which the Committee refers to section 227(2)(a) of the *Legislation Act 2001*, which provides that an instrument of appointment is not disallowable if it appoints a public servant. I acknowledge that the explanatory statement for the instrument does not contain a statement to this effect.

Accordingly, I wish to advise the Committee that the appointee is not a public servant.

Thank you for the committee's comments on this instrument. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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