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Ms Elizabeth Kikkert
Chair
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
ACT Legislative Assembly
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Canberra City 2601

Dear Ms Kikkert,

Re: Inquiry into Auditor-General's Report: 8/2021 – Canberra Light Rail Stage 2A: Economic Analysis

I refer to my appearance before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts Inquiry into Auditor-General's Report: 8/2021 – Canberra Light Rail Stage 2A: Economic Analysis on 12 May 2022. I write to correct an inadvertent error I made in my evidence to the committee, for which I apologise.

During the hearing, a question arose as to whether the Light Rail Stage 2A business case incorporated the raising of London Circuit. My evidence was that it did not and that the decision to raise London Circuit had not been made at the time the business case was prepared. That evidence was correct.

However, in my evidence I stated that "... we had not assumed raising London Circuit had been made because that investment decision had not been made at the time of drafting the Light Rail Stage 2A business case" and that the business case assumed the light rail vehicle would address the grade separation between Commonwealth Avenue and London Circuit in the approximate vicinity of the south-west cloverleaf. That evidence was incorrect. Although the 'raising London Circuit' investment decision had not been made at the time the business case was drafted, the business case assumed that project would be undertaken ahead of light rail. The relevant passage at page 15 in the publicly released version of the Stage 2A business case is as follows:

"Structures: It is assumed for the purposes of this Business Case that London Circuit is raised to meet Commonwealth Avenue (with approval for those works being sought as part of a separate Business Case) and a signalised intersection is formed."

I again apologise for this inadvertent error.

Yours sincerely,



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