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Dear Mr Whiting

I am writing to you to provide the Queensland Government response to a recommendation made in the State Development and Regional Industries Committee Report No. 31, 57th Parliament – Subordinate legislation tabled between 31 August and 12 October 2022 on 15 November 2022 concerning the Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) Amendment Plan 2022.

Regarding the Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) Amendment Plan 2022 in its Report No. 31 the Committee recommended:

'In relation to the Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) Amendment Plan 2022, that the Department of Regional Development Water and Manufacturing provide a written response to the committee clarifying the discrepancy between the subordinate legislation and notes on provisions in the explanatory notes, as soon as practicable and at least three weeks prior to the disallowance date".

The discrepancy between the subordinate legislation is a result of an error in the explanatory notes which included an incorrect reference to clause 2 regarding commencement of the plan. This referenced a section that is not stated in the Water Plan (Fitzroy Basin) Amendment Plan 2022.

This error has now been rectified with an erratum to the explanatory notes removing the incorrect clause. The erratum and updated explanatory notes have been provided to the Clerk of the Parliament for tabling.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mr Ben Driscoll in my office on 3035 6170.

Yours sincerely

GLENN BUTCHER MP Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Minister for Water