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Mr Mark Banasiak
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Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 4
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Banasiak,

I write to provide a clarification to my evidence given in the Budget Estimates Inquiry hearing for the Water, Property and Housing portfolio, held on 5 November 2021.

During the course of the hearing, The Hon. Emma Hurst asked a number of questions in relation to the management of wombat munge at Bendeela Recreation Area. At page 27, I provided the following evidence:

... in undertaking those surveys, which were undertaken in December last year as well as April, May and June this year, we did come across four wombats that had munge. I understand one of those wombats was euthanised during that inspection, but no treatments were made during that period, as I understand it. That program will commence, however, this month with that partnership between the University of Tasmania and Sydney university.

To clarify, Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service (WIRES) assessed and euthanised the wombat during the period of time in which the surveys were undertaken. The wombat was not euthanised as part of the university survey process itself.

I would kindly request that you contact Minister Pavey's office should you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew George
Chief Executive Officer, WaterNSW