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To: State Development
Subject: CM: Re: Inquiry into post-mining land use – Post-hearing responses – 5 August 2024
Attachments: Response to questions on notice.pdf; Hearing Amendment.pdf

Dear Jessie,

Please see attached the response to the question on notice from the hearing, and a clarification of information that was discussed.

This response is on behalf of Mr. Garry Booth and myself.

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Antonio Pantalone



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CLARIFICATION

The CHAIR: In terms of the costs associated with producing these sorts of construction materials, how do they compare?

GARRY BOOTH: Their manufacturer claims it's about half the cost of traditional materials. So it seems almost too good to be true—half the cost and more sustainable.

CLARIFICATION: Upon further discussion with the Australian manufacturer, on a like-for-like basis with conventional building materials, manufacture is extremely economical and cost competitive. The physical properties are at least equivalent to conventional materials including steel and cement, with enhanced sustainability, recyclability and circularity. As mentioned during the hearing, one of the current limitations is the supply of adequate industrial hemp.

Regarding our international partners, the cost of construction materials into the Australian market are dependent on exchange rates. Technology transfer and local manufacturing pricing is to be determined following examination of the business case and financial modelling.

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