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Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

I recently met with Mr Andrew Cox, President of the Invasive Species Council to discuss his proposal for Environment Health Australia (EHA).

The purpose of EHA is to address Australia’s highest priority environmental biosecurity issues. EHA has developed a range of strategies aimed at meeting these challenges such as:

- Building stronger environmental biosecurity foundations;
- Improving biosecurity preparedness;
- Developing more effective responses to new environmental invasions;
- Enhancing community awareness, vigilance and action in biosecurity;
- Improving environmental biosecurity capacity;
- Improving coordination and collaboration between jurisdictions, agencies and sectors; and
- Ensuring the progress is monitored and tracked

I strongly support the Council’s proposal for EHA and believe that if implemented it will lead to many direct environmental benefits. I respectfully request that you consider their proposal and provide the Council with advice as to any support the Government may be able to provide.

Yours sincerely,

GREG HUNT MP