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Dear Ms Marshall,

**Re: Communication ACCC/C/2017/150**

I write for and on behalf of the Communicant, Friends of the Earth Ltd, further to the letter from the Party concerned dated 26 July 2022.

I confirm that the Communicant does not object to the Party concerned's requests for an extension for its response to the Committee's questions to 30 September 2022, and to the postponing of the hearing until December 2022.

However, the Communicant wishes to note that it would have been preferable, and presumably practicable, for this request to have been made sooner than three days before the deadline for the parties' responses to the Committee's questions, given:

- a) that it is now nearly 4 weeks since the parties received the Committee's questions;
- b) the Party concerned had previously confirmed by its email of 15 July 2022 that it would be attending the hearing in September, and presumably it was aware of (some at least of) the logistical challenges it faced in collating answers to the Committee's questions when it made that commitment; and
- c) the longstanding nature of this Communication (it was filed in October 2017) means that delay should be avoided where at all possible.

The Communicant's understanding is that if the hearing is delayed, then the earliest opportunity for relisting would be December 2022.

The Communicant would have been content to adhere to the original timeframes set by the Committee, but if the Committee is minded to grant the extensions requested by the Party concerned, then the Communicant does not object and would request that the Communicant's deadlines be likewise extended.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katie de Kauwe".

**Katie de Kauwe, Solicitor**

**Friends of the Earth Limited**