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Dear Sir Thomas and Commissioners,

I gave evidence before you on 01 February on behalf of the Green Party. I would like to make the following corrections to my evidence:

1. I was incorrect in stating that the specific genetically engineered *Klebsiella Planticola* I was talking about had been approved for field trials and was going to be released. I had received this information from third party sources and was mistaken about it.
2. In my written and oral presentations I inadvertently cited a paper co-authored with Michael Holmes which to the best of my knowledge has not been published. I accept and apologise for this error.
3. I stand by the conclusion of the paper co-authored with Michael Holmes et al "*Effects of Klebsiella planticola SDF20 on soil biota and wheat growth in sandy soil*" Applied Soil Ecology 11 (1999) 67-78, which states "further investigation is needed to determine the extent these observations may occur in situ but this study using soil microcosms was the first step in assessing potential for the release of genetically engineered micro-organisms to result in ecological effects". I believe further research can and should be carried out in the laboratory and not in the field.
4. I would like to make clear that the possibility of destruction of terrestrial plants that I referred to as an outcome of releasing this organism is an extrapolation from the laboratory evidence. It is one possible scenario, based on the findings that introducing the genetically engineered bacterium into this type of soil killed or harmed plants. There are other possible scenarios which could occur, we need more data to be able to make a clear judgement on the most likely outcome.
5. I would also like to clarify that soil tests I set out are intended to indicate the kinds of soil tests which could be carried out to determine the effects of introducing genetically engineered organisms into the soil, based on the soil tests I am familiar with. I am not suggesting this is a definitive set of methods for analysing the effects of genetically modified organisms on soil.

I would be grateful if the Royal Commission could take account of this correction when considering my evidence.

Yours sincerely

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