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Mike Hedges MS
Chair
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Welsh Parliament
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Dear Mike,

I wish to clarify a statement I made when I appeared before Committee on 10 February, during scrutiny of the Disused Mine and Quarry Tips (Wales) Bill. My officials have already been in contact with the clerking team about this point.

At paragraph 83 of the transcript of that session, there is a record of a discussion about the Bill's powers of entry. To clarify, the Bill contains comprehensive powers of entry for the Authority/a person authorised by the Authority. Please see sections 62 - 67 of the Bill. There are no appeal provisions if a landowner refuses to allow access. The Bill does, however, contain provisions that enable the Authority to apply for a warrant conferring power on a person authorised by the Authority to enter land.

Yours sincerely,

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