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Dear Ms Ryan

Thank you for your email of 4 March 2015 concerning the Bureau of Meteorology’s data management and climate change matters.

The Bureau of Meteorology is a custodian of the national climate record, and as a trusted and respected organisation, welcomes robust assessment of its work in order to maintain the highest levels of public confidence.

I have enclosed the Terms of Reference of the ACORN-SAT Technical Advisory Forum to provide you with further detail on the Forum’s responsibilities. The Forum will examine and provide comment on: the extent of the public availability of the ACORN-SAT data and methods; developments since the 2011 Independent Peer Review of ACORN-SAT data and its methods; and the scientific integrity and robustness of the Australian climate record and the homogenisation process. While the Forum is not a public inquiry, the outcomes of the annual Forum meetings will be made publicly available.

Biographical information on the independent members of the Forum can be found at: www.environment.gov.au/minister/baldwin/2015/.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Chair of the Forum.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Greg Hunt

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