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## Dear Dr Chant

As you are aware, the NSW Government earlier this year introduced new requirements for emissions from motorway tunnels. The new requirements include a scientific review of the tunnels air emissions from ventilation outlets by the Advisory Committee on Tunnel Air Quality (ACTAQ), managed by the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer (OCSE), and a statement on the potential health impacts of emissions from the tunnel ventilation outlets by the NSW Chief Health Officer. Both the review and the statement are to be released in conjunction with the public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), with the scientific review informing the NSW Chief Health Officer's statement.

With the planned release of the EIS for the F6 Extension later this year, the OCSE has engaged Åke Sjödin from the Air Pollution and Abatement Strategies Unit at the IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute and Ian Longley, Air Quality Scientist from the New Zealand National Institute of Water & Atmospheric Research to undertake this review on behalf of the ACTAQ.

A copy of their draft review was provided to your office on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018, which indicated that the report covers the information needed to develop the statement. The draft report review has now been finalised and is attached for your information. The final report review does not differ from the draft report except for some minor spelling and grammar edits.

Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Chris Armstrong on 02 9338 6745.

Yours sincerely

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cc. Ms Carolyn McNally, Secretary, NSW Department of Planning & Environment