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Dear Mr Campbell *Andrew*

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 May 2007 concerning the regulation of termite management systems. I note that you have also written to a number of my colleagues in Government. I am responding as the Commonwealth Minister responsible for building matters.

I note that most of the issues raised in your correspondence centre on the relevant Australian Standards and that you are already actively engaged in discussions with Standards Australia on this matter. I also understand that Standards Australia is currently reviewing these standards.

I acknowledge the significant potential for damage to structures that can be caused by termites and encourage you to continue to engage with Standards Australia on this issue.

I have copied your correspondence to the Australian Building Codes Board, for its information.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Australian Government.

Yours sincerely

Ian Macfarlane