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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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Dear Dr Rössler

I am writing in relation to the decision of the World Heritage Committee on the state of conservation of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area (44 COM 7B.90), to formally invite a joint World Heritage Centre / IUCN Reactive Monitoring mission in accordance with paragraph 8 of the decision.

I would be pleased to invite this Reactive Monitoring mission at the earliest possible opportunity that is feasible for the Advisory Bodies and the World Heritage Centre.

Noting current travel restrictions and quarantine measures in some States to manage COVID-19 outbreaks, I have requested my officials hold a virtual meeting with you to discuss the timing of the mission and associated logistics of travelling to and movement within Australia.

I would be grateful for an acknowledgement of your receipt of this invitation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sussan Ley', written in a cursive style.

SUSSAN LEY

cc. Tim Badman (tim.badman@iucn.org, IUCN)