Dear Minister

In accordance with Section 70 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, I present the Annual Report of the Australian Bureau of Meteorology for 2008-09.

Also, in accordance with the Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines, I certify that the Bureau has prepared a fraud risk assessment and fraud control plan, and has in place appropriate fraud prevention, detection and investigation procedures.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to report on the activities, achievements and performance of the Bureau for the 2008-09 financial year. Having only recently taken up my role as Director of Meteorology, the credit must go to all those whose dedicated efforts throughout the year have ensured the continued provision of a broad range of world class, public good, meteorological and related services.

Highly respected and valued by the community, the Bureau has remarkable potential to contribute with increased vigour and originality to Australia's well-being. The next few years will be an exciting and rewarding time while we work with current stakeholders and new partners to align our national weather, climate and water services with the needs, ambitions and aspirations of a vibrant and diverse 21st century nation.

Yours sincerely

(Greg Ayers)
Director of Meteorology
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