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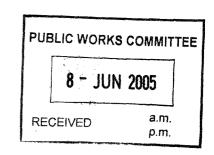


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Dear Ms Courto

PROPOSED CSIRO ENTOMOLOGY BIOSCIENCE LABORATORY BLACK MOUNTAIN ACT

Receipt is acknowledged of a letter dated 6 June 2005 from Mr. John Harvey, Executive Manager, Varieties, Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC).

CSIRO is pleased to note the endorsement of the proposal by the GRDC.

CSIRO believes that the proposed new laboratory, together with the associated refurbishment of adjacent buildings, will provide an appropriate environment which will stimulate and promote research and development activities and further enhance CSIRO's opportunities for conducting national and international research, consistent with its long term objectives.

Yours sincerely

Trevor Moody General Manager

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8 June 2005