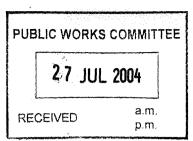
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SUBMISSION

Dear Ms Courto

NEW COLLECTION STORAGE FACILITY FOR THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

You referred Submission No. 3 from the National Capital Authority (NCA) dated 23 July 2004 to the National Library of Australia (NLA) for comment.

The submission notes the following:

- The Development Control Plan (DCP) for Sections 1, 2 and 3 Hume requires a 1. minimum setback of 10 metres along the Monaro Highway. The concept design drawings indicate a setback of slightly less than 10 metres.
- 2. The DCP requires that the maximum area of the site to be covered by building is not to exceed 50% of the total site area. The concept design drawings indicate stage 2 and stage 3 future expansion proposals may exceed this 50% limit.
- 3. The DCP requires that gable ends of the roof pitch shall face the street. The concept design drawings indicate gable ends on the ends of the building ie. 90° to the Monaro Highway.

NLA RESPONSE

Comments 1 and 3

- The concept design drawings have been developed only to the point of providing a brief and a storage solution outline that will meet the needs of the NLA for the next approximate 10 years in a more suitable and cost effective storage facility than at present.
- Design development will include early consultation with NCA and the ACT Planning and Land Authority to negotiate design and siting details that are compliant with all planning requirements. NLA appreciates the offer of NCA in consultation with the ACT Planning and Land Authority to review the DCP and may take up this offer in the design development stage of the project.

Comment 2

- Stages 2 and 3 future expansion have been identified only as concepts at this stage. The current proposal will accommodate anticipated collection expansion until approximately 2013.
- NLA will review the need for, and configuration of, future expansion closer to the time. This review will include consultation with NCA and the ACT Planning and Land Authority. Any future expansion of the building will be compliant with design and siting requirements. These future expansion concepts have been included to show that some cost effective strategic options for expansion beyond 2013 are available to the NLA on the site.

Yours Sincerely

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