Submission No. 14

(Quarantine Facility)

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Submission to the Public Works Committee, Federal Government, Canberra ACT.

Construction of a New Post-Entry QUARANTINE FACILITY at Mickleham, Victoria.

Plan for the Avian Compound and capacity for the import of exhibition budgerigars.

I represent the Wynnum Redlands Budgerigar Society Inc. in Queensland. Our members are budgerigar exhibitors and breeders but with interests in many other avian species. The WRBS is interested in the subject of importation of avian species especially exhibition standard budgerigars from various locations around the world.

Our question regarding the new facility are:

1. CAPACITY: Given the size of the investment by the Government in this facility, does the Avian Compound plan make allowance for larger numbers of live avian species than any previous facilities, and does it allow for an anticipated increase in the number of private (non-commercial) individuals applying to use the facility for smaller numbers of birds?

2. BUDGERIGARS: Can we be kept advised of the capacity of the Mickleham facility to accept live aviary-bred budgerigars being imported from various locations?

3. COMMUNICATION: Please include our contact details as below for all correspondence in relation to the post Entry Quarantine Facility at Mickleham.

Regards,

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