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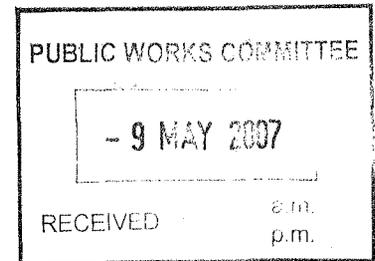
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The Hon Judi Moylan MP
Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Ms Moylan

PROPOSED FIT-OUT OF NEW LEASED PREMISES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE AT THE CIRCUIT, BRISBANE AIRPORT

I am writing in response to Submission No 2 from the Member For Clayfield, Tim Nicholls MP in relation to the proposed new leased premises for the Australian Customs Service (Customs) at The Circuit within the No. 1 Airport Drive precinct at Brisbane Airport.

Background

The Committee's senior researcher forwarded us a copy of Submission No. 2 by facsimile on 24 April 2007. In Mr Nicholls' submission he states he currently has no issues with the proposal however he points out the ongoing strain on the road network in the local area. He states that the State Government must act to improve road networks to enhance access not only for air travellers but also for people needing access to the Airport precinct as a whole.

Supplementary Submission

Customs recognises that public transport and access to the No. 1 Airport Drive Precinct is limited and has established a Transport Working Group to identify transport options for staff. There is provision at the new premises for free parking spaces for visitors. Customs is also hopeful that the public transport facilities will have improved by lease commencement (July 2009) in response to the increased number of employees accessing the area.

Customs intends to consult with external stakeholders such as Translink, Airtrain, Brisbane City Council and Brisbane Airport Corporation with a view to increasing public transport to the No. 1 Airport Drive precinct.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Jo Crooks, Manager Accommodation Projects on 07 3835 3112 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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