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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to support the submission made by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research for approval of its proposal to move the Sydney chemical testing facilities of the National Measurement Institute (NMI) into new premises at North Ryde.

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) have worked closely with the NMI for the past 15 years. NMI are contracted by the AFP to provide drug analysis services for seized illicit drug samples for evidential purposes. We are also partnered with NMI on a number of Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) funded intelligence initiatives using drug profiling techniques to identify the source of illicit drug materials. We recognise that a move to modern, more efficient premises will assist NMI to deliver a better service to its stakeholders, including AFP.

We strongly support the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Phelan APM Performing the duties of Commissioner