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Blocks 5 & 6 Section 24 City Proposed Fit-out for the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency at New Acton Nishi

I refer to your email to the National Capital Authority (NCA) advising that the above proposal has been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Blocks 5 and 6 Section 24 City are the nominated sites for the proposed development of the New Acton Nishi building. Blocks 5 and 6 Section 24 City are located within the Designated Area of the National Capital Plan.

Pursuant to Part 12 (1) of the Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988 no works shall be performed in a Designated Area unless:

- a) the proposal to perform the works has been submitted to the Authority together with such plans and specifications as required by the Authority;
- b) the Authority has approved the works in writing; and
- c) the works are in accordance with the Plan.

An application for works approval has been received by the National Capital Authority for the proposed development of the Nishi building. The proponent has referred the proposed works to the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The National Capital Authority is awaiting the outcome of the referral before a decision is made.

If you have any questions please contact me on 6271 2806.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Smith Executive Director National Capital Plan

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