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PROPOSED FIT-OUT OF NEW LEASED PREMISES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Statement of Evidence for the above mentioned works for the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (DCCEE).

A review of the Statement of Evidence to the Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works has been carried out for compliance with the *Energy in Government Operations* (EEGO) policy.

To assist our review of the proposed works submission, I met with officials from the Property section of DCCEE on 29 March 2010 regarding compliance of the above works with the EEGO policy.

In consideration of the information provided in the aforementioned meeting and the Statement, I am satisfied that there is sufficient intent to meet and or exceed with the relevant provisions of the EEGO policy. Specifically, the Statement affirms that the works will:

- 1. Be designed and developed to meet a minimum 5 star NABERS rating for both base building and tenancy. This exceeds the current EEGO policy NABERS rating requirement of 4.5 stars.
- 2. Comply with the requirements of Green Lease Schedules where applicable to the tenancy and base building. This provision meets the requirements of the EEGO policy.

The Statement includes industry best practice environmental considerations regarding technical services, interior fit-out, indoor air quality, water and waste streams that strongly indicate high level commitment to achieve overall sustainability outcomes over the terms of the lease.

Yours sincerely

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