

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The conclusions and recommendations of the Committee and the paragraphs in the report to which they refer are set out below:

- 1. The Committee accepts there are benefits to be gained by the construction of the proposed joint research complex, and that chief among these are the efficiencies and research synergies which will be facilitated by the collocation of the University's Institute of Molecular Biosciences and the CSIRO's Divisions of Tropical Agriculture, Plant Industry, Health Sciences and Nutrition. (Paragraph 28)**
- 2. The Committee is satisfied there are sound reasons for building the joint CSIRO/University of Queensland molecular biology research complex on the site proposed by developers, and that it is neither practical nor efficient to insist that the facility be located on another University of Queensland campus or site. (Paragraph 95)**
- 3. The Committee commends project proponents' decision to seek the endorsement of the Brisbane City Council for the proposed Joint Building Project at St Lucia, and recommends that the University of Queensland and CSIRO demonstrate their good faith by agreeing to make any adjustments to building plans which may be suggested by the Brisbane City Council. (Paragraph 101)**
- 4. The Committee recommends that project proponents honour their commitment to hold regular meetings of the Community Liaison Committee to facilitate project implementation and minimise community disturbance levels during the construction phase of the St Lucia Joint Building Project. (Paragraph 110)**
- 5. The Committee further recommends that in future, when projects of this kind are conceived and community concerns can be anticipated, project proponents establish a community consultative committee in the early stages of planning to facilitate community input and the resolution of conflict. (Paragraph 111)**
- 6. The Committee recommends that project proponents use the Community Liaison Committee to address and resolve, as much as is practicable, resident concerns associated with building height, such as the potential loss of privacy. (Paragraph 119)**
- 7. The Committee recommends that the University of Queensland/CSIRO implement all the noise mitigation strategies and road geometry alteration measures outlined in the Environmental Assessment Report prepared by Dames & Moore for this project. (Paragraph 130)**

- 8. Evidence received by the Committee about the research to be undertaken at the proposed facility and the regulations and procedures established to manage any associated biological hazards has satisfied the Committee that the proposed facility does not pose any threat to the safety of the community. (Paragraph 139)**
- 9. The Committee recommends that, in future, there must be adequate public consultation processes for projects of this nature. These processes must embrace a greater degree of transparency and openness, and encourage a greater spirit of collaboration with the local community. (Paragraph 142)**
- 10. The Committee recommends the construction of the CSIRO/University of Queensland Joint Building Project at St Lucia, Queensland, at a total cost of \$110 million, of which the CSIRO component is \$50 million. (Paragraph 143)**

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