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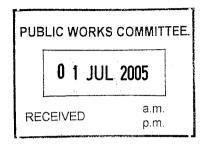
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The Secretary Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works Suite R1-119 House of Representatives Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600



Attention: Vivienne Courto

## DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (DIMIA) RESPONSE TO PWC SUBMISSION FROM THE DARWIN CITY COUNCIL.

- 1. Thank you for referring a copy of the letter received 29 June, 2005 from Darwin City Council concerning the operational upgrade of the Darwin Detention Facility.
- 2. The letter raises following issues:
  - i. The existing site is inappropriate
  - ii. The site should be further landscaped
  - iii. DIMIA consultation with Darwin City Council
- 3. The existing site was chosen over a number of other locations due to the existing capital outlay by the Commonwealth on buildings and associated infrastructure.
- 4. It is proposed that further landscaping will be undertaken to screen the facility from Stuart Highway.
- 5. Representatives from DIMIA have arranged to meet with Darwin City Council on Thursday 7 July, 2005.

Yours sincerely

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