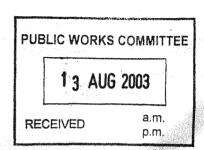


Department of the Environment and Heritage

Ms Vivienne Courto Inquiry Secretary Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Ms Courto

REFURBISHMENT OF STAFF APARTMENTS, AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY COMPLEX, PARIS, FRANCE

Thank you for your letter of 25 July 2003 inviting the Department of Environment and Heritage to provide a written submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works concerning the refurbishment of staff apartments at the Australian Embassy Complex in Paris, France.

The Department of Environment and Heritage does not intend to make a written submission to the Committee on this proposal. Please contact Wayne Furler on (02) 6274 2410 if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Forbes

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