

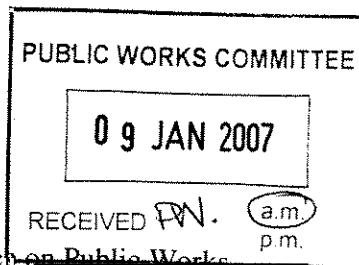


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Attention: Mr John Fuhrman
Inquiry Secretary

Dear Sir,

**PROPOSED NATIONAL TOWERS PROGRAM STAGE 1
FOR CANBERRA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Thank you for your letter dated 11th December 2006, and the attached copy of the AIRSERVICES Australia Statement of Evidence to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, dated December 2006. As an employee of GHD Pty Ltd, I provide Airport Building Control (ABC) services in relation to Canberra Airport, as a consultant to the Department of Transport and Regional Services, administering the building control requirements of the Airports Act 1996 and its Regulations.

My comments in relation to the proposed National Towers Program Statement of Evidence concern the Zoning and Approvals aspects identified at paragraphs 46 and 47, where the requirements for Master Plans and Major Development Plans of the Airports Act are correctly identified. However, each of the proposed new Control Towers will also be required to obtain a Building Permit from the relevant Airport Building Controller, whose duty it is to ensure, among other things, that the proposed buildings are consistent with an approved Master Plan and an approved Major Development Plan, as well as being consistent with the respective approved Airport Environment Strategy and the requirements of the Building Code of Australia.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, may be aware of the above requirements of the Airports Act, however it might have been prudent to identify those matters in the evidence for completeness.

Yours Sincerely

Graham Morgan
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Airport Building Controller
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