

# NEW SOUTH WALES FIRE BRIGADES

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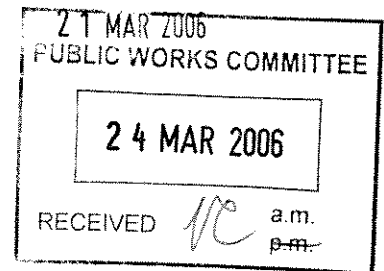
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Attention: Ms Vivienne Courto - Inquiry Secretary

Dear Madam

**Villawood Immigration Detention Centre - Redevelopment**  
**Birmingham Avenue**  
**VILLAWOOD**

I refer to your correspondence dated 21 February 2006, regarding the above premises.

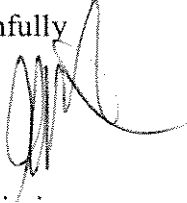
The NSW Fire Brigades (NSWFB) welcomes the opportunity to comment upon the proposed redevelopment of the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre (VIDC) as outlined in the "Statement of Evidence" (Dated February 2006).

The NSWFB has reviewed the statement of evidence and offers the following comments:

1. Paragraph 107(4) of the statement of evidence indicates that departures from the Building Code of Australia's (BCA) requirements will be technically assessed by an independent fire protection specialist. The NSWFB recommends that any departures which involve the following specific performance provisions of the BCA should also be referred to the NSWFB for assessment and comment, namely performance requirements CP9, EP1.3, EP1.4, EP1.6, EP2.2 and EP3.2 in volume one of that code.
2. To ensure that the NSWFB is comprehensively familiar with the revised VIDC layout it is recommended that the preparation of operational fire fighting procedures (sub section (2) of paragraph 107 of the statement of evidence) is undertaken well in advance of the redeveloped VIDC being occupied.

Should you have any further enquiries regarding any of the above matters, please do not hesitate to contact the Fire Safety Division.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

For Commissioner