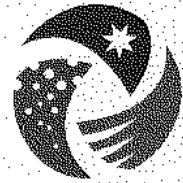


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**Re: RAAF base Williamtown redevelopment Stage 1 and facilities
for the Airborne Early Warning and Control Aircraft Williamtown
(near Newcastle), NSW.**

The works outlined in the RAAF submission dated June 2002 and sent by Marie Kawaja to the Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO) Government Operations Team on 8 July 2002 is subject to certain provisions of the Commonwealth Energy Policy as detailed in the then Department of Industry, Science and Resources March 2000 publication titled: Measures for Improving Energy Efficiency in Commonwealth Operations. The relevant section of the Policy (4.1) states:

4.1 Minimum Building Energy Performance Standard

All new and substantially refurbished buildings, whether Commonwealth-owned or where the Commonwealth is the majority tenant, must meet a minimum energy performance standard. The interim standard is the 1994 BOMA Energy Guidelines (with a 20% margin of leniency for substantially refurbished buildings). Because these standards are limited to office buildings in capital cities, they will be replaced shortly by standards being developed by the EEST. Funding for building construction and refurbishing will be conditional on certification, by suitably qualified persons, that the building will meet required energy standards. This will be arranged through the EEST.

It is recommended that any Public Works Committee approval for the proposed works to proceed should be made subject to certification in compliance with the Commonwealth Energy Policy as detailed above.

To ensure that the Department of Defence is aware of the relevant issues, contact has already been made with the Department of Defence Project Director Lieutenant Colonel Darren Naumann.

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