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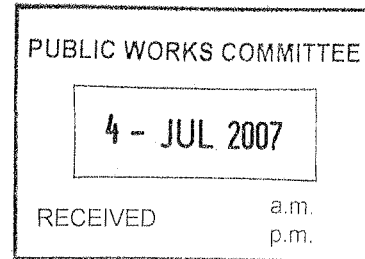
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**Environmental Protection Agency**

Incorporating the  
**Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service**

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Mr John Fuhrman  
Committee Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee on Public Works  
Department of House of Representatives  
PO Box 6021  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600



**Subject: Parliament of Australia Joint Standing Committee on Public Works, 2007**

Dear Mr Fuhzman

I refer to the forthcoming Parliament of Australia Joint Standing Committee on Public Works inquiry for 2007.

The Queensland Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is a collaborative partner with CSIRO, the Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, the Department of Natural Resources and Water, and the Department of Mines and Energy at the Ecosciences Precinct and the Health and Food Sciences Precinct in Brisbane. It is understood that this project is being referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Public Works, as the estimated cost to the Commonwealth will exceed \$15 million.

The EPA is working extremely closely with CSIRO and other State Agencies to create Australia's first Ecosciences Precinct by 2010 bringing together leading scientists to help position Australia at the forefront of climate change and sustainability research, help better manage our natural resources, and support sustainable environmental, social and economic benefits for the community.

The EPA is fully committed to this project and strongly supports CSIRO collaborative involvement in the future.

Yours sincerely

**Terry Wall  
Director-General**