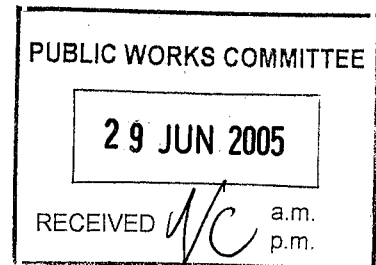


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Dear Ms Moylan

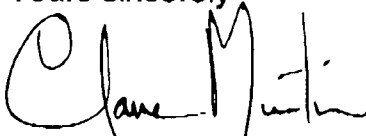
I refer to your correspondence of 30 May 2005, regarding a proposal by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) for the operational upgrade of the Coonawarra Immigration Reception Facility in Darwin.

In considering the statement of evidence by DIMIA, I have two concerns:

- (1) The proposed name change from 'Coonawarra' to 'Darwin'. Renaming the facility seems quite unnecessary and would not assist my Government's efforts to boost Darwin as an attractive destination for visitors.
- (2) When the facility was first built in 2001, there was concern expressed by the community, because the facility, razor wire *et al*, could be seen from the adjacent road. Whilst some trees have been planted in the interim, the facility and its security measures can still be seen quite clearly by all who use this section of the Stuart Highway, which is not far from the city centre.

I look forward to further consultation on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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