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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
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Re: Proposed Fit Out of new leased premises for the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations at Brindabella Business Park.

The works outlined in the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) submission to the Committee dated 21 June 2006 are subject to certain provisions of the Australian Government Energy Efficiency policy.

The Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH) through the Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO) has held several meetings with DEWR and is encouraged that DEWR have approached the building owner of 29-31 Brindabella Business Park and sought acceptance from them to attach the Green Lease Schedule (GLS). The GLS provided to DEWR by the AGO specifies 4.5 stars Australian Building Greenhouse Rating (ABGR) for tenancy and base building services .

The AGO understands that DEWR is confident that agreement will be reached in relation to the GLS and notes that DEWR will undertake to explore all practical measures to achieve the GLS requirement.

The AGO also encourages good practice in installation of adequate electricity and water metering to facilitate accurate reporting and management by Australian Government agencies. Separate digital metering for tenant light and power and base building services is essential to achieve and validate the proposed 4.5 stars ABGR.

AGO is pleased to note DEWR's submission Section 1.9.2.1 of the which states:
Section 1.9.2.1: *'The AGO has been consulted to ensure that the intent of the lease is in line with AGO preferences'*.

Section 2.12.1 DEWR understands that the 29-31 BBP building has been designed to achieve a minimum ABGR of 4.5 stars and a Greenstar rating. It is acknowledge that section 2.12.2 of the submission refers *'that the base building includes a number of initiatives to achieve the 4.5 stars ABGR.'*



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In relation to Section 2.12.3, AGO appreciates that DEWR will use flat screen monitors as standard for all workstations and IT training facilities. The submission also covers a number of Environmental management measures (refer section 2.13.1 to 2.13.5 inclusive) which will support the operational achievement of the 4.5 stars ABGR for both the tenant and the landlord.

The proposed building works outlined in the DEWR submission does comply with the Australian Government Energy Efficiency policy and. The DEWR submission demonstrates a good intention to achieve a 4.5 star ABGR standard for their proposed premise and seeks to minimise greenhouse gas emissions for this building.

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Yours sincerely

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