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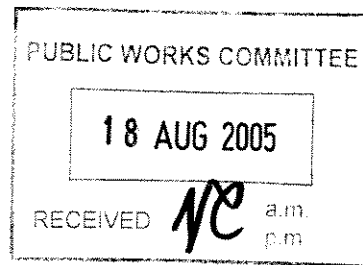
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The Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

CSIRO MINERALS LABORATORY EXTENSIONS, WATERFORD, PERTH

1. Curtin University of Technology (Curtin) is very supportive of the proposed extensions to the CSIRO Minerals Laboratories at Waterford in Western Australia which does indeed align perfectly with the overall physical planning for the Precinct recently completed by the WA Department of Infrastructure and Resources, the WA Department of Planning and Infrastructure, the local authorities and Curtin University of Technology.
2. The CSIRO Minerals Laboratories are an integral component of the proposed Minerals and Chemistry Research and Education Precinct being developed at the Southern entrance to our Bentley campus. This Precinct will be centred around CSIRO Minerals, the Chemistry Centre of Western Australia and Curtin's Department of Applied Chemistry. It is anticipated that a senior high school campus for year 11 and 12 students, with a science and mathematics focus, will be developed within the Precinct. Further, a number of related minerals and chemistry based industrial companies will relocate to the Precinct to take advantage of the research and education opportunities which will be on offer.
3. The proposed extensions will allow for a physical connection to be established between the three core participants in the Precinct, promoting both formal and informal linkages between the professional and technical staff housed within the Precinct. It will also create an

environment conducive to the sharing of infrastructure and equipment between the participants.

4. It is anticipated that this Precinct will emerge as a world-leading minerals and chemistry research and education facility built upon existing strong relationships and enhanced by the physical co-location of the participants along with other related organisations.
5. We wish to acknowledge CSIRO's support for the proposed Precinct and their adoption of the site development option that maximised the potential for Precinct linkages. This level of support and cooperation augers well for the development of a truly collaborative culture within the Precinct.
6. We would be pleased to participate in the public hearings should the Committee consider that to be of value.

Yours sincerely



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