

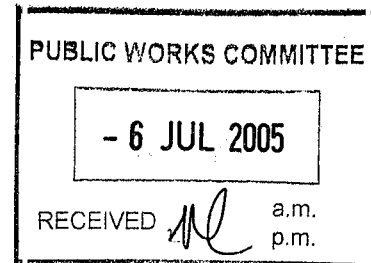
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**Australian Government****Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs**

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The Secretary
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**DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (DIMIA) RESPONSE TO PWC SUBMISSION FROM THE CHIEF MINISTER OF NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT.**

1. Thank you for referring a copy of the letter received 29 June 2005 from the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory concerning the operational upgrade of the Darwin Detention Facility.
2. The letter raises important issues:
 - i. Name change
 - ii. Visibility of centre from adjacent road
3. The Department notes the concern of the Chief Minister about the name of the facility and is giving consideration to what the impact of a change of name might be.
4. As stated in paragraph 104 of the Statement of Evidence it is proposed that the existing razor wire installed in the sterile zone will be removed.

It is also planned that additional landscaping will be undertaken to further screen the facility from Stuart Highway.

Yours sincerely

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