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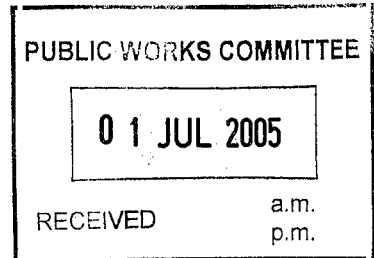
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Ms Vivienne Courto
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Parliament House
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Dear Ms Courto

PATROL BOAT FACILITIES UPGRADE DARWIN NAVAL BASE

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the submission dated 31 May 2005 from Mr Carl D. Cossill regarding the proposed Patrol Boat facilities upgrade at Darwin Naval Base (DNB) Darwin, Northern Territory.

In Mr Cossill's submission he suggested that the funds proposed for the upgrade works at DNB would be better spent establishing a new Patrol Boat facility at the mouth of the Liverpool River.

The proposed funds for upgrading facilities at Darwin Naval Base is essential to providing support to the new Armidale Class Patrol Boats which have the capability of operating for greater periods and range than the current Fremantle Class Patrol Boats.

Defence believes that the upgrade of facilities at DNB provides the best value for money for Commonwealth resources.

Yours sincerely

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