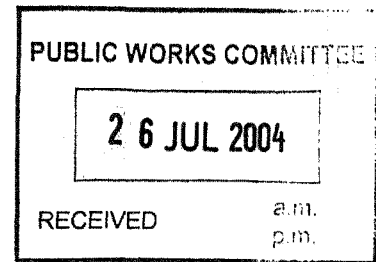




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National Capital Authority



File No.: 04/451

Ms Vivienne Courto
Inquiry Secretary
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

SUBMISSION 2

Dear Ms Courto,

**PROPOSED FIT-OUT OF NEW LEASED PREMISES
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET AT
1 NATIONAL CIRCUIT, BARTON, ACT**

I refer to your letter dated 7 July 2004 regarding the above proposal which is being considered by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

The site of the proposed works is within the Central National Area which is a Designated Area as defined in the National Capital Plan (the Plan). Consequently, all 'works' proposed on the site requires prior approval in writing from the National Capital Authority pursuant to section 12.(1)(b) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988* (the Act).

The Act defines 'works' to include:

- (a) *the construction, alteration, extension or demolition of buildings or structures;*
 - (b) *landscaping;*
 - (c) *tree-felling; or*
 - (d) *excavations;*
- but excludes anything done inside buildings or structures.*

The demolition of the Hinkler Knowles Buildings and the construction of a new office building on that site have been considered by the Authority and granted Works Approval. The demolition was approved in December 2001 and the new office building was approved in April 2002. The Authority has recently received an application for some amendments to previously approved works which are currently being considered for Works Approval.

The fit-out works, which are subject of the Committee's inquiry, are all 'inside the building' and therefore do not require any approval from the Authority.

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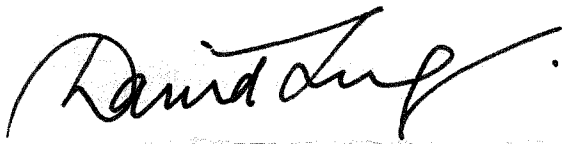
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The Authority does not wish to make any further detailed submission on the matter. Should you require any further advice on the matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Authority's Principal Planner Mr Shamsul Huda on 62712886.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David T Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

DAVID T WRIGHT
Director (National Capital Plan)

22 July 2004