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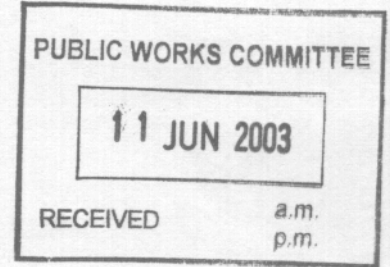
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Ms Vivienne Courto
Inquiry Secretary
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Ms Courto

Thank you for your letter of 17 April 2003 to the Chief Minister, Mr Jon Stanhope MLA, regarding the redevelopment of the Australian Institute of Sport, Bruce. As the Minister for Sport, Mr Stanhope has asked me to respond to the Committee on behalf of the ACT Government.

The ACT Government supports the proposed redevelopment and refurbishment of facilities at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) campus at Bruce based on the following:

1. The proposed redevelopment would significantly contribute to Canberra retaining its international reputation as a city of sporting excellence.
2. The proposed redevelopment would benefit Canberra athletes who are on scholarship with the ACT Academy of Sport (ACTAS). The Academy currently utilises the AIS training facilities and the Sports Science Sports Medicine Centre on a fee for service basis for some of its programs and ongoing use of enhanced facilities would be advantageous to ACTAS athletes.
3. The proposed redevelopment would benefit a significant number of ACT community sporting organisations and the general public who regularly access the AIS facilities on a user pays basis.

Yours sincerely

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