



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES

Proposed Common Use Infrastructure on Christmas Island
(Airport Upgrade)

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Response to Submission

Submission No.6
from:

Environment Australia

Date:

14 May 2002

Main Points of
Submission:

1. The proposed expansion of the airport may impact on the Phosphate Hill Heritage Area north of the airport by sourcing fill from the area
 2. The works are adjacent to the Christmas Island Natural Area. Documentation should be provided detailing best practice impact mitigation measures to minimise impacts on land crabs, birds and bats within or adjacent to the proposal.
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Response:

1. The Phosphate Hill Heritage Area north of the airport will not be impacted. The borrow area referred to north east of the runway is adjacent to the northern end of the existing runway. Although earthworks and trimming of vegetation are required to provide clearance for the obstacle limitation surface (OLS), this does not impact the Phosphate Hill Heritage Area because the ground levels are well below the OLS in that area. It is not proposed to source fill from this area.
 2. All proposed works are at least 500 metres from any National Park area. All matters associated with environmental issues are being addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement submitted to Environment Australia. A framework for the contractor's Environmental Management Plan is to be included in contract documents. This will address the requirement to implement mitigation measures to minimise impacts on land crabs, birds and bats within or adjacent to the proposal.
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