



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES**

Proposed Common Use Infrastructure on Christmas Island  
(Airport Upgrade)

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Response to Submission

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Submission No. 2  
from:

**Horst Kambeck**

Date:

**22 April 2002**

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Main Points of  
Submission:

1. Concerns about the viability of the APSC project.
  2. APSC should fund the physical costs of the airport upgrade and the Commonwealth the technical, administrative and supervisory activities.
  3. If the APSC project fails who will pay for the rehabilitation work on South Point.
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Response:

1. The APSC project is privately funded and is supported by the Federal Government.
  2. In normal circumstances, the State or Territory would be expected to provide common use infrastructure. However, as the Commonwealth has the equivalent role of a State Government on Christmas Island, the provision of this infrastructure is the Commonwealth's responsibility. The provision of common use infrastructure provides an additional community benefit to Christmas Island.
  3. The issue of rehabilitation work has been carefully considered as an integral component of the project. The company is required to have a financial surety in place that will enable rehabilitation works to be carried out at APSC cost.
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