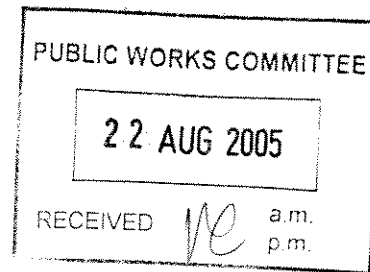


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Dear Sir/Madam

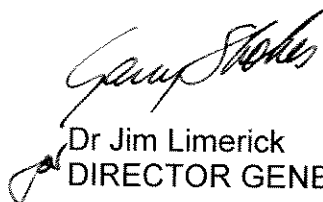
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I refer to the request for a submission on the above mentioned proposal which was referred to the Committee for consideration and report to the Commonwealth Parliament.

The Department of Industry and Resources is fully supportive of this project as the CSIRO development in Waterford coheres with the establishment of the new centre of research excellence in chemistry and hydrometallurgy. The CSIRO, Curtin University and the WA Government are working in collaboration to build this \$85m initiative. This will represent the largest cluster of professional chemists in Australia and provides a unique critical mass in hydrometallurgy and forensic and applied chemistry in the southern hemisphere.

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Yours sincerely


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