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Dear Sir or Madam

**RE: DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE SUBMISSION**

As the developer of NewActon it is with pleasure that I respond to the request for submissions to comment on the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency's ('DCCEE') proposed fit out for the NewActon Nishi building located in Canberra City.

The Nishi building has been a work in the making for more than six years, and a guiding principle for the development is to deliver the highest quality in design, art, cultural programming, and in particular sustainability. The synergies between this building and DCCEE's needs are significant.

Nishi will set new benchmarks in terms of sustainability, not only for Canberra, but Australia. The building will be 6 star Green Star and 5 star NABERS rated, but goes well beyond these ratings scales – using a largely passive design to deliver 50% less energy usage than the highest 5 star NABERS rated buildings.

It will also feature the largest photovoltaic array of any commercial building in Australia.

It is recognized that there is an option for DCCEE to elect to undertake an integrated fit out as part of this project, which is contingent upon approval by the Standing Parliamentary Committee on Public Works. Molonglo Group acknowledges the benefits to both parties in integrating the construction works, however we recognize that in order to take advantage of this opportunity that there are milestones which DCCEE will be required to satisfy. The primary milestone will require the development of the preliminary fit out design to provide the brief to allow Molonglo Group to develop the design to align with the base building design to allow with the base building design documentation, which falls on 28 July 2010.

We therefore commend the proposed submission to the Committee and encourage the Department to elect to integrate the fit out.

Yours sincerely
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