

Submission to the Public Works Committee, Federal Government, Canberra ACT.

Construction of a New Post-Entry QUARANTINE FACILITY at Mickleham, Victoria.

Specifically: The 'Avian Compound'

I represent the Queensland Council of Bird Societies Inc. the peak body representing avicultural associations in Queensland. Our affiliates are incorporated associations made up of owners of all types of aviary-bred native and exotic avian species including finches, pheasant, waterfowl, doves, and parrots etc.

The QCBS is interested in the subject of importation of avian species generally referred to as ornamental birds or aviary birds, on behalf of our member clubs. Our concerns are:

1. **CAPACITY:** Our concern is that the Avian Compound plan should make allowance for a larger capacity of live avian species than the previous facility at Spotswood to allow for a future increase in the number of avian species being imported.
2. **SMALLER LOTS OF LIVE BIRDS:** Does the Mickleham facility take into account smaller lots of live birds being imported to avoid applications to import live birds being rejected on the basis of not using the facility, as it is planned, to capacity?
3. **NUMBERS ACCORDING TO PHYSICAL SIZE OF AVIAN SPECIES:** We would appreciate detailed information as soon as possible on the number of avian species that are envisaged per lot in order to gain use of the facility, especially taking into account the huge differences in the physical size of various avian species. This needs to be taken into consideration at the planning stage. We acknowledge that pigeon numbers are stated in the plan.

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