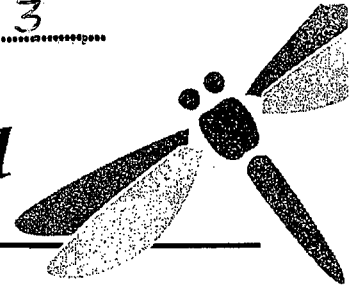


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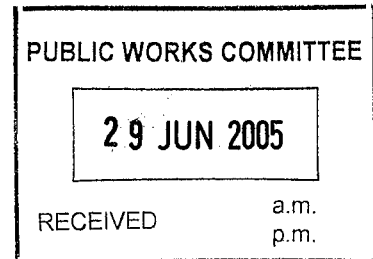
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Attention: Ms Vivienne Courto

Dear Sir/Madam

Operational Upgrade of the Darwin Detention Facility

I refer to my correspondence dated 17 June 2005 regarding the granting of an extension of time for this Council to make its submission regarding the above upgrade.

The Council, at its meeting held yesterday discussed the upgrade and it was resolved that the following comments be submitted:

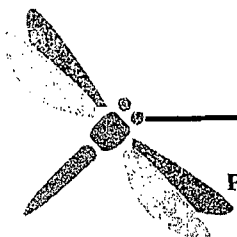
"That Council re-affirms its view that the existing site for the Darwin Detention Facility is inappropriate given its close location to the Stuart Highway, the major entrance to Darwin.

(a) That on humanitarian grounds the Council supports the detention of illegal fishers on land rather than on their fishing boats and accordingly offers no objection to the proposed upgrade of the Facility to accommodate those fishers but offers the following comments:

(i) the site of the Detention Facility should be further landscaped to provide an improved visual buffer with the Stuart Highway;

(ii) that the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs needs to consult with the Darwin City Council and not the Palmerston City Council as proposed on Page 12 of its Submission of May 2005."

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The Lord Mayor and I will represent the Council at the Public Hearing to be held in Darwin on 18 July 2005.

In the meantime should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on (08) 89300505.

Yours faithfully



ALLAN MCGILL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
