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The Secretary
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
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Attention: Vivienne Courto

**DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS
AFFAIRS (DIMIA) RESPONSE TO PWC SUBMISSION FROM THE ECUMENICAL
MIGRATION CENTRE**

1. Thank you for referring a copy of the letter dated 8 February 2005 from the Ecumenical Migration Centre concerning the Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre (MIDC) Expansion Project.
2. The letter asserts that an alternative model to mandatory detention should be considered. Immigration detention policy issues are outside the scope of the PWC hearing, therefore DIMIA has not responded to these specific issues.

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