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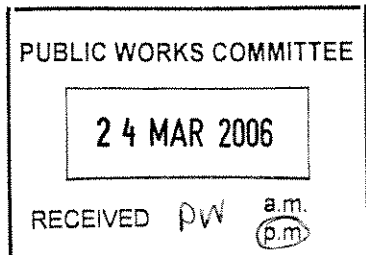
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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



Ms Vivienne Courto
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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Ms Courto

Villawood Immigration Detention Centre Redevelopment

Thank you for providing the opportunity for the NSW Department of Housing to provide a submission in regard to the recently circulated Villawood Immigration Detention Centre Redevelopment Statement of Evidence.

The Department owns and manages a large number of dwellings in the vicinity of the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre, and has considered the impact of redevelopment of the Centre as detailed in the Statement of Evidence. The Department notes that it is not listed as a stakeholder however, NSW Department of Planning, the Department of Environment and Conservation and Bankstown City Council have been included. In this regard, it would be appreciated if the Department is included as a stakeholder and consulted as appropriate.

The Department is concerned that the proposed redevelopment does not adversely impact on Departmental owned properties and tenants located in proximity to the site. It is noted that consideration will be given to reducing the visual impact of the proposal through, for example, a landscaping plan. The Department requests that it be included in further stakeholder consultations so that it has an opportunity to comment on:

- the height, design, materials to be used, exact location and details of associated cameras / lighting of the new perimeter fence;
- the detailed appearance and height of the proposed new buildings in relation to their surrounds, noting how the site's topography impacts on the interrelationship between the Centre and its surrounds; and
- the proposed landscaping plan and details of how any negative impacts on surrounding residential properties are to be mitigated.

In addition, if land referred to as Stage 1 is deemed to be surplus to Commonwealth requirements in the future, it is requested that the Commonwealth give consideration to the inclusion of affordable housing on the site. Research undertaken by the Department indicates a high and growing need for affordable housing in the Bankstown area.

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Should you have any enquiries please contact Sue Brown, Senior Planner, Housing Markets Strategy, NSW Department of Housing on (02) 8753 8849.

Yours sincerely

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Mike Allen

Director-General

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