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List of abbreviations

ACCC	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Airservices	Airservices Australia
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
ATC	Air Traffic Control
BCA	Building Code of Australia
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
ESD	Environmentally Sustainable Development
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
NTP	National Towers Program
OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety
UPS	Uninterruptible Power Supply



Extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives

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27 PUBLIC WORKS – PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE –
REFERENCE OF WORK – PROPOSED NATIONAL TOWERS PROGRAM STAGE
1 FOR AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA AT ADELAIDE, CANBERRA, MELBOURNE
AND ROCKHAMPTON AIRPORTS

Ms Gambaro (Parliamentary Secretary – Foreign Affairs), pursuant to notice,
moved – That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act
1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing
Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Proposed National
Towers Program Stage 1 for Airservices Australia at Adelaide, Canberra,
Melbourne and Rockhampton Airports.

Question – put and passed.



List of recommendations

3 Issues and Conclusions

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that Airservices Australia continue a comprehensive program of consultation with customers and stakeholders.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the proposed National Towers Program Stage 1 – Adelaide, Canberra, Melbourne and Rockhampton, proceed at the estimated cost of \$94.5 million exclusive of GST.