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Public Works Committee  
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**Re: Sydney Commonwealth Parliament Offices**

On behalf of ABC News, I write in relation to the Committee's inquiry into the proposed relocation of the Sydney Commonwealth Parliament Offices to 1 Bligh Street, Sydney.

In his original media release of 30/10/2011 announcing the move, the Special Minister of State made reference to the inadequacies of the Phillip St premises for broadcasting services.

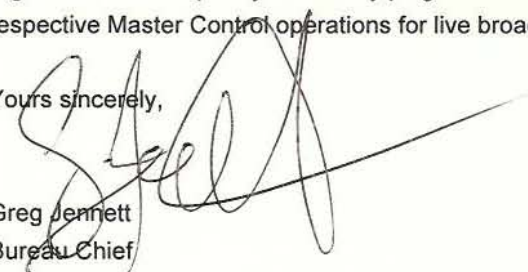
We therefore assume the Commonwealth's plans for 1 Bligh St include provision for media conference room facilities with live broadcast link capacity to outside networks.

The purpose of this submission is to impress on the Committee the utmost importance of cabling and equipment to provide for live broadcasts from the new CPO.

Major announcements of national significance have been held at 70 Phillip St, but the public has been unable to know about them until well after the event has concluded. We believe this is a problem in the modern communications environment.

We ask that the Committee examine plans for video broadcasting in the Bligh St building to ensure that all news organisations can quickly and easily plug into the media conference room and send signals back to their respective Master Control operations for live broadcast.

Yours sincerely,

  
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