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Mr John Fuhrman
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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
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Dear Mr Fuhrman

I refer to your letter to Ms Uschi Schreiber, Director General, dated 18 May 2007 regarding proposed CSIRO co-location with Queensland Government on the Eco-Science and Health and Food Sciences precincts in Brisbane.

Thank you for providing the Statement of Evidence for this Project, and for the call for comments on the proposal and from Queensland Health.

Queensland Health has been closely involved in the development of the project to-date, having been invited in the earliest stages of project development to participate as the prospective owner of the Health and Food Precinct building assets at Coopers Plains.

The extent of our involvement over the last two years or so has been:

- o Participation by Queensland Health at senior levels in the Executive Project Committee;
- o Participation by Queensland Health capital development, scientific, facilities management, operations management and communications staff in key project committees (KBRB Executive Project Committee; KBRB Facilities Committee; KBRB User Group Forums; KBRB Communications Committee).

In these forums, we have been openly encouraged to contribute to discussions and to decision-making. We commend the manner in which CSIRO staff have participated, facilitated and cooperated on the immensely challenging, and sometimes confronting, task of developing a project such as this.

We expect that Queensland Health will continue to play a strongly participative role as the project now enters its Developed Design stage and then on towards the commencement of site works at Coopers Plains early in 2008.

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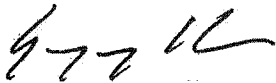
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Given our past and continuing integral involvement in the project, we have no need to make separate comments on the Summary Scope of Works. Further, any need for continuing consultation will be met within the currently established development processes and project committee structures.

As you requested, this hard copy of our response is supplemented by an electronic copy, which has been emailed to jcpw@aph.gov.au.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Shaw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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