

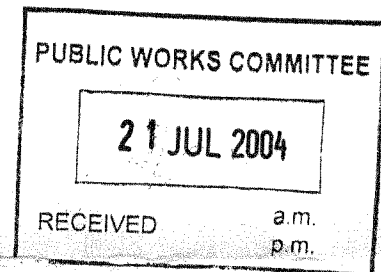


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Ms Vivienne Courto  
Inquiry Secretary  
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Ms Courto

**DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COLLECTION STORAGE FACILITY FOR THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed development of a new storage facility for the National Library of Australia at Block 7 Section 1 Hume. The proposal has been examined and there are no ecological, heritage or cultural issues of concern for Environment ACT.

It is noted that the proposed development will incorporate stormwater retention for on site use and that it is assumed that a 15,000 litre storage tank will be used. The ACT Government is committed to implementing urban sustainability through water sensitive urban design (WSUD). To ensure that water resources management is consistent with the WSUD commitments in the ACT Water Resources Strategy '*Think water act water*', Environment ACT requires developments to:

1. ensure that no contaminated water, including that containing sediments, is likely to leave the site during development and during the on-going operation of the site;
2. incorporate measures and/or operating procedures which ensure that stormwater runoff from the site reflects patterns, volumes and quality which exist prior to development as far as reasonably practicable; and
3. incorporate measures and/or operating procedures, which will minimise the demand of the facility on potable water supplies.

Environment ACT would agree that the objectives have been met if the development application demonstrates that the excess runoff from the 1 in 3 month storm event will be retained on-site (retention capacity of 1.3 kL/100 sqm of hard impervious area).

Please contact me on 6207 2247 if further information is required.

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