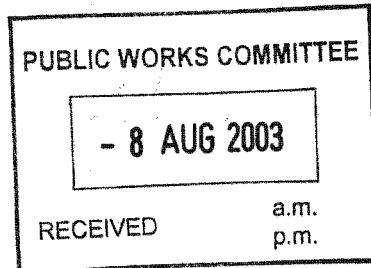


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Ms Vivienne Courto
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Dear Ms Courto,


**REFURBISHMENT OF STAFF APARTMENTS,
AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY COMPLEX, PARIS**

Thank you for referring this proposal and the OPO submission. As Chair of the Post Property Committee of the Australian Embassy, Paris, I have circulated the documentation to members (which include representatives of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs, Austrade, Department of Treasury, Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources, Department of Defence, Department of Employment, Education, Science and Training and Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry).

I am pleased to advise that the Committee is supportive of the proposal and is in broad agreement with the submission before you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Embassy with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,


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