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Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

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**CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
COMPLEX INCLUDING CHANCERY, HEAD OF MISSION RESIDENCE,
STAFF HOUSING AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Dear Mr Catchpole

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Statement of Evidence for the above mentioned works for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

A review of the Statement of Evidence to the Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works has been carried out for compliance with the *Energy in Government Operations* (EEGO) policy.

In consideration of the information provided in the Statement, I am satisfied that there is intent to comply with the EEGO policy, particularly in regards to the innovative lighting strategy. However, the Statement does not contain sufficient information to fully assess compliance requirements in one area.

That said, my colleagues and I have discussed the above mentioned works with DFAT and we are satisfied that DFAT will strive to meet its requirements under the EEGO policy where it is cost-effective to do so.

Specifically, the following should be considered in the above mentioned works:

At Para 17.60 declares that metering facilities will need to be established from the main power grid, though there are no details in relation to separate metering. It is recommended that separate metering is installed to delineate the energy requirements for central services and tenant light and power.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 6274 1361 or at ross.hamilton@environment.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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