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The Hon Judi Moylan (MP)
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Dear Ms Moylan

Villawood Immigration Detention Centre Redevelopment Response to Submission by New South Wales Department of Housing

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and the Department of Finance and Administration would like to take the opportunity to reply to the submission of the New South Wales Department of Housing dated 24 March 2006 concerning the redevelopment of Villawood Immigration Detention Centre at Villawood, New South Wales.

The Department's of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs and Finance and Administration wish firstly to take this opportunity to apologise to the New South Wales Department of Housing for their non-inclusion as a stakeholder for the Redevelopment of the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre.

At the commencement of the subsequent design phase of the Redevelopment we will contact the New South Wales Department of Housing to discuss their inclusion as a stakeholder and provide opportunity for them to comment on facets of the Redevelopment that may affect dwellings in the vicinity of the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre that they own and manage.

Additionally, the New South Wales Department of Housing requested that the Commonwealth give consideration to the inclusion of affordable housing on the site of the existing Stage 1 High Security facility, should this area be deemed as surplus to Commonwealth requirements. We advise that options for the future of the existing Stage 1 High Security facility will be determined following the completion of the Redevelopment project.

Yours sincerely

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