



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES

Proposed Common Use Infrastructure on Christmas Island
(Airport Upgrade)

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Response to Submission

Submission No.4
from:

Christmas Island Phosphates

(a trading name wholly owned by Phosphate Resources Limited)

Date:

3 May 2002

Main Points of
Submission:

1. North Extension - Known phosphate resources to the north of the existing runway fall within Mining Lease Application and Exploration Licence Application. Quantity and quality of phosphates is currently unknown.
 2. South Extension - Covers part of Mining Lease 133a. There are potential recoverable old phosphate dump and in-situ phosphate resources in this area.
 3. Other Areas - Re-alignment of Lily Beach Road will require resumption of part of Mining Lease 133a. Resumption of the mining land reduces CIP phosphate resources and affects stockpiling capacity. Portion of eastern side of the existing runway is suitable for mining.
 4. General - Large stockpiles are planned in the areas surrounding the airport. Concerned about any future height restrictions for stockpiles.
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Response:

Negotiations between the Commonwealth and Phosphate Resources Limited (PRL) are currently taking place, in accordance with the provisions in PRL's mining lease and the *Mining Act 1978 (WA)(CI)*, to address the above issues.
