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The Secretary  
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works  
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House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Attention: Vivienne Courto

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**DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND  
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS (DIMIA) RESPONSE TO PWC SUBMISSION  
FROM THE DARWIN CITY COUNCIL.**

1. Thank you for referring a copy of the letter received 29 June, 2005 from Darwin City Council concerning the operational upgrade of the Darwin Detention Facility.
2. The letter raises following issues:
  - i. The existing site is inappropriate
  - ii. The site should be further landscaped
  - iii. DIMIA consultation with Darwin City Council
3. The existing site was chosen over a number of other locations due to the existing capital outlay by the Commonwealth on buildings and associated infrastructure.
4. It is proposed that further landscaping will be undertaken to screen the facility from Stuart Highway.
5. Representatives from DIMIA have arranged to meet with Darwin City Council on Thursday 7 July, 2005.

Yours sincerely

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