



Submission No. 4
(Fit-out for the AFP, Edmund Barton Building)

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Subject: Fit-out Edmund Barton Building. re your letter dated 13th August 2008

James Catchpole,

Our interests in the fit-out for the Australian Federal Police is restricted to the visual effect on the building and the protection of its heritage values .

We have been consulted by Stocklands and HBO + EMTB architects (ACT), who have shown us their proposals for the fit-out and we have advised them that we had no objections to what they showed. However, we would like to have the opportunity to comment on the final design when it is available.

Of greater concern is how the external appearance may be affected by security measures and other new works at the ground level. We were advised by Stocklands that we would work together with the architectural firm responsible for the design to ensure that heritage and other issues were not compromised. We have made various suggestions on preliminary designs for this work but have not seen any drawings for some time.

We have been approached by concerned academics and others who fear what may be done to the building but we have told them that, to date, we were to remain involved as assured by Stocklands. This assurance has been sufficient to prevent these nervous people from making objections.

Recently an enquiry was made to this office by another firm of architects so we are unsure of the latest design intentions and if it is proposed to change designers.

We would be pleased to hear from you on the above matters

Yours sincerely

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