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The Secretary
Public Works Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

**PROPOSED COMMON-USE INFRASTRUCTURE CHRISTMAS ISLAND
AIRPORT - CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

I refer to the call for submissions on the proposed airport upgrade works advertised by the Public Works Committee.

The Water Corporation of Western Australia operates and maintains the water and wastewater schemes on Christmas Island on behalf of the Department of Transport and Regional Services. It also delivers high quality water and wastewater services to 1.8 million Western Australians spread over 2.5 million square kilometres.

In the Department of Transport and Regional Services submission outlining the proposed upgrade, there appears to be no reference to utility works. The Water Corporation notes that significant upgrades such as this project may lead to additional utility requirements either in the short or longer term.

Further to the Corporation's input as a stakeholder during the public consultation process, it is suggested the proposed expansion of facilities at the airport may benefit from incorporating consideration of future requirements for the potable water supply, water for fire fighting services for buildings and wastewater disposal. With the experience it has gained from managing the water and sewerage assets on the Island, the Corporation believes that consideration of these aspects could add value to the work you are currently undertaking.

Should you wish to follow this up, please contact myself or Peter Scott (ph: 08 9420 2187) at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

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