



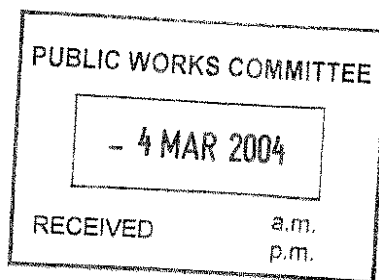
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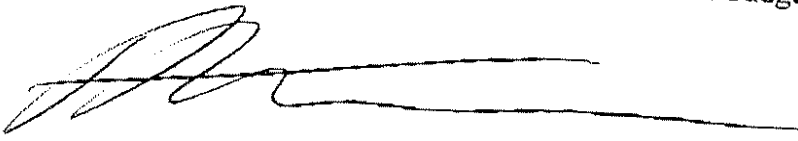
The Secretary
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Attention: Ms Margaret Swieringa

DEFENCE RESPONSE TO PWC SUBMISSION NUMBER 33 FROM MRS CAROL METH, SOS PRESCHOOL

1. Thank you for referring a copy of the letter dated 1 March 2004 from Mrs Carol Meth representing the SOS Preschool concerning the Randwick Disposal and Rationalisation Project, Interim Works.
2. Mrs Meth's submission raises an issue relating to the non-inclusion of a retractable partition wall within the preschool portion of the new Community Facility. Mrs Meth identifies that she submitted a written request to the Randwick City Council dated the 19th June 2002, however, this requirement was not passed on to Defence at the time. The potential additional requirement was first identified to Defence at a Defence initiated future tenant update meeting held on 10th December 2003 attended by the future Community Centre tenants and representatives of the Randwick City Council. A copy of Mrs Meth's letter was subsequently forwarded to Defence representatives by the Randwick City Council.
3. Defence has regularly appraised both the tenants and the Randwick City Council of the Community Centre design development process and have provided opportunities for regular feedback. Defence looks to the Randwick City Council, as the future owner of the facility, to act as the sponsor of the requirements and to manage any increase in scope requests by future tenants and to pass them to Defence in a prioritised order to ensure a holistic approach.

4. The Defence cost estimate for the Community Facility includes a design and construct contingency allowance and Defence will work with the Randwick City Council to manage this contingency closely in an effort to achieve any additional works required by the Council which can be accommodated within the available budget.



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