

**Australian Government**  
**National Capital Authority**

Senate Trish Crossin  
Chair  
Senate Standing Committee  
on Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Crossin

I write to you regarding the National Capital Authority's (NCA) appearance before the Senate Standing Committee's Additional Estimates hearing on 18 February 2008.

Senator Barnett asked a question regarding an article in the *Canberra Times* on 18 February 2008, (by journalist Mr Andrew Fraser) where I was reported as having told my staff that "*it is regrettable the Rudd Government's review of the agency was announced after substantial budget cuts and job losses*".

Senator Barnett asked if I could 'clarify... if that is your view', and 'provide any further explanation'.

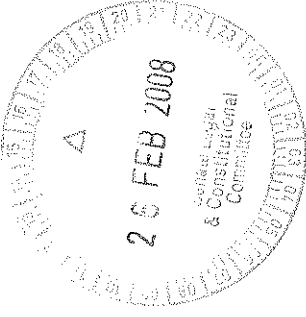
My answer is accurate. However, by way of 'further explanation' I wish to advise that I was not interviewed by Mr Fraser for that article and do not recall ever having used the word '*regrettable*' to my staff.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive  
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