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Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee
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Mark
Dear Senator Bishop

Thank you for your letter of 25 June 2008 inviting the ACT Government to make a written submission to the committee for its inquiry into the main economic and security challenges facing Papua New Guinea and the Island States of the Southwest Pacific. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on issues relevant to the terms of reference for this inquiry.

The ACT Government undertakes a small number of international aid and support projects. Our primary activity has been in financial support to various disaster relief programs in Asia and several specific projects in East Timor. We are not involved in any projects in the geographical area in which your inquiry is focussed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this inquiry. While we are not specifically involved in this area I look forward to seeing the Committee's report.

Yours sincerely

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