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Mr Peter C Grundy '
Committee Secretary
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Grundy,

Thank you for your letter of 19 April, 2001 regarding "Issues for Public Hearing – 21 May, 2001."

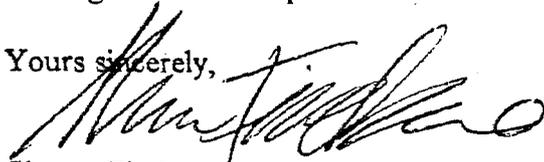
Firstly, I can confirm that answers to questions taken on notice at the earlier hearing will be forwarded to you very shortly. It is also my intention to attend the 21 May hearing.

Secondly, in relation to clarifying evidence in relation to the leaking of the ANAO Issues Paper, I advise the following:

- As previously stated, Mr Miller briefed the Board on 8 May, 2000 regarding this other matters and has since confirmed with me that he conveyed his view regarding the futility of referring the matter of the leak to the AFP.
- Minutes of meeting confirm that, following Mr Miller's briefing, the Board did not make any resolution in respect of the leak but merely concluded discussion of the agenda item. That is, my earlier statement that "*the Board made no resolution to refer any matter, including that of the leak, to the AFP*"; is correct. Equally so, my subsequent reflection that "*clearly, the Board of the ILC considered Mr Miller's view and decided not to pursue AFP action at that time*" is accurate, Minutes of Meeting further confirm that the Board believed it was taking " appropriate responses to the issues raised ". That is, referral of the leak to the AFP was not an option being entertained by the Board at the time of its meeting.

With regard to the AFP investigation into Roebuck Plains, I do not believe it is appropriate for me to comment on what are essentially confidential police matters, other than to state that on several occasions I have confirmed with AFP spokespersons that an investigation into the purchase of Roebuck Plains is proceeding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Firebrace', written over the typed name.

Sharon Firebrace
Chairman