

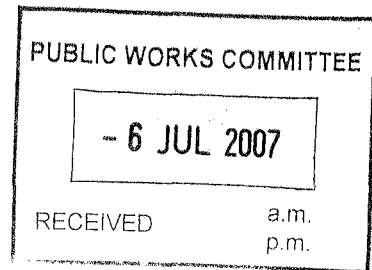
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Dear Mr Fuhrman

Support for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation's (CSIRO) involvement in the Eco Sciences Precinct at Boggo Road and the Health and Food Sciences Precinct at Coopers Plains

I refer to the forthcoming Parliament of Australia Joint Standing Committee on Public Works inquiry for 2007.

The Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) in conjunction with other state agencies including the Department of Natural Resources and Water, the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Mines and Energy have been working in close collaboration with CSIRO on the design of the Ecosciences Precinct and the Health and Food Sciences Precinct in Brisbane. These two new major infrastructure developments will create iconic facilities for undertaking a range of science disciplines across the two sites.

DPI&F strongly supports the CSIRO's involvement in this project with considerable research synergies emerging with DPI&F, particularly in the areas of plant, insect, marine and food science. These synergies will be further enhanced as the project moves to finalise design this year, in which the final arrangements for the building layout will be confirmed.

DPI&F's considerable investment in this project will be greatly enhanced with CSIRO's involvement, which in turn will add significant value to science both nationally and to Queensland.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Boyd-Law on telephone 07 3239 3494 or email bill.boyd-law@dpi.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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