



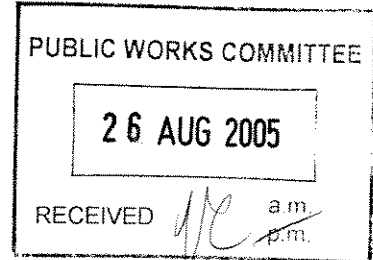
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Government of Western Australia



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Chemistry Centre (WA)

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The Chair  
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir

**CSIRO MINERALS LABORATORY EXTENSIONS, WATERFORD, PERTH**

1. The Chemistry Centre (WA), a branch of the WA Department of Industry and Resources, supports strongly the proposed extensions to the CSIRO Minerals Laboratory at Waterford in Western Australia. The extension is wholly congruent with the physical planning for the Precinct completed by the WA Department of Industry and Resources, the WA Department of Planning and Infrastructure, the local authorities and Curtin University of Technology.
2. The Minerals and Chemistry Precinct will be centred around CSIRO Minerals, Curtin Applied Chemistry and the Chemistry Centre (WA), bringing together a major concentration of chemistry-based professionals and technicians in an environment that encourages interaction and collaboration. A number of large industrial companies are already proposing to relocate or establish facilities within the precinct to take advantage of the research and educational opportunities that will be available. CSIRO Minerals is a core component in realising the full potential of this initiative.
3. The proposed extension will allow physical connection with the new building proposed to house the other two core participants in the Precinct, facilitating the linkages between the professional and technical staff housed within the Precinct. It will also encourage the sharing of infrastructure, equipment and services between the participants.

4. We would be pleased to participate in the public hearings should the Committee wish for such representation.

Yours sincerely

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