



4 May 2004

The Secretary
Public Works Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR HEADQUARTERS
JOINT OPERATIONS COMMAND, NSW

In response to your notice in the Canberra Times of
1 May 2004, I consider this proposal to be

(1) BAD planning-wise - a huge construction in the country,
unsupported by infrastructure, causing spread of the Canberra
urban unit and waste of all manner of resources

(2) BAD economically - there are empty Commonwealth buildings
at the bottom of Anzac Parade, in the centre of facilities,
which could be renovated (practicable, an architect told me,
and if even these buildings are too small, they could be
duplicated without spoiling that environment)

(3) BAD politically - such decisions should be made on valid
national-interest grounds, and not to shore up the Eden
Monaro electorate.

Yours sincerely



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