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SENATOR THE HON NICK MINCHIN
Minister for Finance and Administration
Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate

22 APR 2004

Mr Geoff Brown
ADI Residents Action Group
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Dear Mr Brown

I refer to your letter of 11 March 2004 regarding the sale of land at ComLand's St Marys site to the Catholic Education Office.

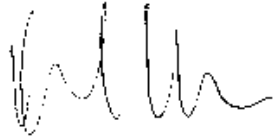
As you are aware, ComLand entered into a joint venture agreement with Lend Lease to develop the St Marys site. Maryland Development Company Pty Limited was established as the joint venture's operating entity, being 50 per cent owned by each of the joint venture partners. Maryland Development Company was therefore neither a subsidiary of, nor controlled by, Lend Lease at the time of the school land transaction.

The Commonwealth is satisfied that Maryland Development Company was the appropriate entity to conduct the transaction.

As I have previously indicated, the Commonwealth was not directly involved in the sale of the school land to the Catholic Education Office. However, ComLand has advised that the sale price was \$1.3 million.

Thank you again for your concern for the Commonwealth's interests.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Wawn', written in a cursive style.

David Wawn
Chief of Staff