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Letter by Fax  
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Office of Senator The Hon Nick Minchin

**RE: Sale of Commonwealth land to Catholic Church**

Dear David

Thankyou for letter of 17 February 2004 responding to our questions about the sale of land at the former ADI Site St Marys to the Catholic Church for them to build an Education Establishment known as Xavier College. (see attached)

David, we are still not satisfied with some of the answers given in your letter and we ask for further clarification.

You mention that the Australian Government was not involved in the negotiations for the sale of the Xavier school site but had left this up to Maryland Development Company Pty Ltd. This is very alarming. Our understanding is that Maryland Development Company Pty Ltd is a subsidiary of Lend Lease. If this is the case then it means that a valuable public asset has been sold based on a deal done between Lend Lease and the Catholic Church with no input whatsoever from the owner, the Commonwealth Government. This is outrageous!

In regards to the question, *if the land was sold what was the sale price?* You answered that the school site was sold for market value. You have failed to answer the question. Again, could you please reveal the amount that the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church paid for the 6 ha Xavier College site?

We look forward to a response to the above matters at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,



Geoff Brown  
Convenor  
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