



Land Development Agency

Ms Mary Porter MLA
Chair
Select Committee on Estimates 2008/09
Legislative Assembly
Canberra ACT 2601



Dear Ms Porter

I am writing to clarify evidence given by me, as Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Land Development Agency (LDA), to the Estimates hearings on 27 May 2008.

In answer to a question from Mr Smyth, regarding what sites had been looked at for the proposed gas fired power station, I indicated that sites were selected in conjunction with ActewAGL, the Chief Minister's Department (CMD) and LDA. Subsequently, Mrs Dunne asked further questions regarding consultation with CMD.

An officer from CMD gave evidence that CMD was not involved with site selection. I then apologised for giving incorrect evidence, indicating that no one from CMD was involved.

Having reviewed the files, particularly regarding the matters which occurred before I joined the LDA in December 2007, I wish to confirm that CMD was involved and did liaise with the LDA on possible site options. I understand that the Acting Chief Minister has also written to you clarifying CMD's involvement.

Again, I apologise to you and to the Committee for this lack of consistency in my evidence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Mitchell'.

Philip Mitchell
Acting Chief Executive Officer

4 June 2008