

Mr Peter Styles
Chairman
Public Accounts Committee
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Dear Peter,

Re: Call for Submissions – Inquiry into PPP for Darwin Correctional Precinct

We refer to the call for submissions to the Public Accounts Committee in respect of the inquiry into public private partnership arrangements for the Darwin Correctional Precinct project (the 'Project').

With respect to the PPP arrangements as noted in your letter, we make the following comments:

1) Probity

Sentinel considers that the probity process implemented by the NT Government was appropriate for the Project.

All consortium members (proponent members and consultants) entered into a Probity and Process Deed during the tender process and agreed to comply with confidentiality and probity provisions. These principles were respected and adhered to during the tender process.

Furthermore the Probity and Process Deed requirements were consistent with those processes both described within the National PPP Guidelines and adopted by other jurisdictions for similar PPP projects.

2) PSC, VfM, Costs and Risks

Sentinel was not privy to the NT Government detail on these arrangements and therefore consider that we are unable to comment thereon.

Sentinel would also like to note that it views the tender process as a successful and positive experience in light of other PPP projects. This was primarily due to the level of pragmatism demonstrated by the NT Government which facilitated efficient and productive outcomes for all stakeholders.

Sentinel is happy to assist the Public Accounts Committee with their inquiry further, should it be required. Please contact me for further information in the first instance on (02) 9118 4276.

Yours sincerely



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