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Mr Kevin Greene MP  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Public Works  
Legislative Assembly  
Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Greene

Thank you for your letter regarding the Committee's inquiry into the Joint Use and Co-Location of Public Buildings.

I support the co-location and joint use of public buildings wherever savings or improved services can be delivered to taxpayers.

Within the Transport Services portfolio, examples include the premises shared by the Ministry of Transport with RailCorp and the Department of Education at Parramatta, and the co-location of RailCorp offices with the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources at Henry Deane Place.

As a Schedule 1 agency under the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002*, I am advised the Ministry is required to consult the Department of Commerce regarding joint use and co-location of premises. Commerce provides a central coordination role in this process.

RailCorp advises it supports the co-location of Government services around railway stations. The inclusion of local government and community services (with commercial premises where appropriate) would permit the development of station areas as multi-purpose trip destinations and encourages use of public transport.

Transport agencies will participate in any centrally coordinated process regarding joint use and co-location of public buildings.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Costa'.

**MICHAEL COSTA**