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Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Buchholz,

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT FOR STAGE ONE OF THE
GARDEN ISLAND (EAST) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY PROGRAM
(PRODUCTION WHARVES), SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES**

This letter is to inform the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) of the nature and extent of community consultation undertaken as part of Stage One of the Garden Island (East) Critical Infrastructure Recovery Program (the Project).

The objectives of the community consultation undertaken by Defence were to ensure that the community:

- a. was well informed about the Project by using effective and proven communication channels to convey details of the proposed works; and
- b. had every opportunity to raise issues of concern or seek further information so that, wherever feasible, they could be addressed by Defence in its proposed program of works.

Multiple activities were undertaken in accordance with the project's Stakeholder and Community Consultation Plan, namely:

- a. advertisements appeared in relevant local and national newspapers including the Wentworth Courier, Central Courier, Mosman Daily and The Australian between 16 and 22 March 2017, a copy of which is provided at annex A;
- b. project newsletters were distributed via post (8,000 in total) to all accessible residents surrounding the base and across the Harbour in Kurraba Point, Kirribilli, Cremorne Point and Curraghbeena, a copy of which is provided at annex B;
- c. invitations to receive a personal briefing were emailed and posted to key relevant stakeholders including State and Federal Members of Parliament; State Departments and Authorities; and Community Groups. A list of stakeholders and a status of each briefing is provided at annex C while an example of the standard invitation letter is provided at annex D; and

- d. two Public Information Sessions were undertaken at the Juanita Neilson Community Centre in Woolloomooloo on the following dates:
 - i. Wednesday 22 March 2017 between 4:00pm and 7:00pm; and
 - ii. Saturday 25 March 2017 between 10:30am and 1:30pm.

Details on the community's attendance at these sessions are available at annex E.

Generally, the feedback received from those consulted to date has been positive and supportive of the proposed works with no significant issues identified or concerns raised. The community, in particular, understood the need for the proposed works and appreciated Defence's approach to both developing the works to minimise impacts as far as practicable, and consulting with them. A table summarising the issues and questions raised by those consulted to date, and how these have been addressed by Defence, is provided at annex F.

In conclusion, no significant issues have been identified during Defence's community consultation that will impact the proposed works. Defence is satisfied that it has taken all reasonable steps to inform the community about the proposal and to provide opportunities for the community to raise concerns and questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Brigadier
Director General Capital Facilities and Infrastructure

21 April 2017

Annexes:

- A. Newspaper Advertisements
- B. Project Newsletter
- C. List of Stakeholders Consulted
- D. Example of Invitation Letter
- E. Community Information Session Attendance Summary
- F. Summary of Key Issues Raised During Consultation

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NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS



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Notice of Community Information Sessions

Stage One of the Garden Island (East) Critical Infrastructure Recovery Program

Garden Island Defence Precinct, Sydney, New South Wales

The Department of Defence is holding two Community Information Sessions to outline proposed wharf works at the Garden Island Defence Precinct, Sydney, New South Wales under Stage One of the Garden Island (East) Critical Infrastructure Recovery Program. These works are subject to Parliamentary approval.

The aim of the works is to address severe condition, capacity and compliance issues with two existing wharves at the Garden Island Defence Precinct. The proposed works include demolishing these two existing wharves and building a new wharf in their place in a revised alignment. It is also proposed to extend an adjoining wharf to limit the new realigned wharf's protrusion into Sydney Harbour.

You are invited to attend the following Community Information Sessions:

Community Information Session One

- **Date:** Wednesday 22 March 2017
- **Time:** you are welcome to drop in anytime between 4pm – 7pm
- **Where:** Juanita Nielsen Community Centre, Nicholson Street, Woolloomooloo

Community Information Session Two

- **Date:** Saturday 25 March 2017
- **Time:** you are welcome to drop in anytime between 10.30am – 1.30pm
- **Where:** Juanita Nielsen Community Centre, Nicholson Street, Woolloomooloo

If you would like further information on the proposed works or the upcoming Community Information Sessions, please refer to www.defence.gov.au/id/N2253. Alternatively, you can contact the Defence Project Team via email at stage.one@defence.gov.au.

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PROJECT NEWSLETTER

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS



Stage One of the Garden Island (East) Critical Infrastructure Recovery Program

Garden Island Defence Precinct, Sydney, New South Wales

The Department of Defence is holding two Community Information Sessions to outline proposed wharf works at the Garden Island Defence Precinct, Sydney, New South Wales under Stage One of the Garden Island (East) Critical Infrastructure Recovery Program. These works are subject to Parliamentary approval.

Stage One has been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) and can be viewed on the PWC's website via the following address:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works/GardenIslandEast

The aim of the works is to address severe condition, capacity and compliance issues with two existing wharves at the Garden Island Defence Precinct. The proposed works include demolishing these two existing wharves and building a new wharf in their place in a revised alignment. It is also proposed to extend an adjoining wharf to limit the new realigned wharf's protrusion into Sydney Harbour. The new realigned wharf is proposed to be equipped with new engineering services, wharf furniture and a crane to replace those that will be removed during demolition.

The existing wharves can be seen in Figure 1 while the proposed realigned and extended wharves can be seen in Figure 2.

**Figure 1:
Existing Wharves**



**Figure 2:
Proposed Wharves**



NOTICE OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS



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Department of Defence

You are invited to attend a Community Information Session to obtain more information about the proposed works. Defence personnel will be in attendance to answer your questions.

The two Community Information Sessions will be held as follows:

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION ONE

Date:

Wednesday 22 March 2017

Time:

You are welcome to drop in anytime between 4pm - 7pm

Where:

Juanita Nielsen Community Centre, Nicholson Street,
Woolloomooloo

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION TWO

Date:

Saturday 25 March 2017

Time:

You are welcome to drop in anytime between 10.30am - 1.30pm

Where:

Juanita Nielsen Community Centre, Nicholson Street,
Woolloomooloo

If you would like further information on the proposed works or the upcoming Community Information Sessions, please refer to

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LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	COMMENTS
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP Federal Member for Wentworth	Proposed to occur 21 April 2017	<p>29 March 2017 – Defence sent email with scanned invitation attached.</p> <p>29 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation.</p> <p>18 April 2017 – Defence called the Member’s Office and scheduled a briefing for 21 April 2017.</p>
	The Hon. Tony Abbott MP Federal Member for Warringah	Yet to occur	<p>09 March 2017 – Defence sent email with scanned invitation attached.</p> <p>09 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation.</p> <p>14 March 2017 and 15 March 2017 – Defence’s Community Relations Officer called the Member’s electorate office. No response received.</p> <p>16 March 2017 – Defence’s Community Relations Officer called the Member’s electorate office. The Member’s Office advised that the Member was reviewing the letter and would advise his availability to receive a briefing.</p> <p>20 March 2017 – Defence’s Community Relations Officer called the Member’s electorate office and was advised that the Member or the Member’s Office will respond to Project with his availability if a briefing is required.</p>

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	COMMENTS
			11 April 2017 – Community Relations officer left a message with the Member's office to return call.
	The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP Federal Member for Sydney	Proposed to occur 21 April 2017	<p>29 March 2017 – Defence sent email with scanned invitation attached.</p> <p>29 March 2017 – Defence posted / delivered invitation.</p> <p>30 March 2017 – The Member's Office emailed Defence requesting that a briefing be held.</p> <p>30 March 2017 – The Member's Office called Defence and requested that Defence brief the Member's Office.</p> <p>18 April 2017 – Defence called the Member's Office and scheduled a briefing for 21 April 2017.</p>
	Mr Trent Zimmerman MP Federal Member for North Sydney	Occurred on 23 March 2017	<p>09 March 2017 – Defence sent email with scanned invitation attached.</p> <p>09 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation.</p> <p>14 March 2017 – Defence's Community Relations Officer called the Member's electorate office. Office staff indicated the Member's interest in receiving a briefing with a date to be confirmed.</p> <p>16 March 2017 – Defence's Community Relations Officer called the Member's electorate office. The office indicated interest in a meeting, date to be confirmed.</p> <p>20 March 2017 – Member's office called to confirm availability for a briefing on 23 March 2017.</p> <p>23 March 2017 – Defence conducted briefing with Mr Zimmerman's nominated representative, Mr Thomas Shanahan.</p>

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	COMMENTS
STATE GOVERNMENT	Ms Gladys Berejiklian NSW Member for Willoughby	Declined on 7 April	29 March 2017 – Defence sent email with scanned invitation attached. 29 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation. 7 April 2017 – The Member’s Office emailed Defence indicating that a briefing was not required.
	Ms Clover Moore Lord Mayor of Sydney	Proposed to occur on 16 May 2017 with Lord Mayor and City of Sydney Council staff	09 March 2017 – Defence sent email with scanned invitation attached. 09 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation. 14 March, 16 March and 20 March 2017 – Defence’s Community Relations Officer called the Lord Mayor’s office. Office indicated interest in meeting, date to be confirmed. 28 March 2017 – Lord Mayor’s Office contacted Defence and arranged an appointment for 3pm Tuesday 16 May 2017 for the Lord Mayor and City of Sydney Council staff.
	Mr Alex Greenwich MP State Member of the NSW Legislative Assembly Seat of Sydney	Occurred on 04 April 2017	09 March 2017 – Defence sent email with scanned invitation attached. 09 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation. 10 March 2017 – Member’s Office called to request a briefing on 04 April 2017. 04 April 2017 – Defence conducted briefing with Mr Greenwich.
	TBA, State Member for North Shore	Unlikely to be requested as seat is currently vacant	06 March 2017 – Defence’s Community Relations Officer contacted the North Shore office. The office staff advised Defence that a response will be unlikely as the State Member for North Shore position is still vacant.

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	COMMENTS
			<p>09 March 2017 – Defence sent email with scanned invitation to general office inbox.</p> <p>09 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation to electorate office.</p>
STATE AUTHORITIES AND DEPARTMENTS	NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS)	Declined (as consultation is ongoing)	<p>14 March 2017 – Defence sent an email with invitation attached.</p> <p>15 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation.</p> <p>20 March 2017 – RMS staff (David Pavlich) contacted Defence. It was agreed that a specific briefing would not be held as RMS and Defence are actively working together and there was no new information to discuss. An offer of a future briefing and site visit remains open.</p>
	Environmental Protection Authority	Forwarded Invitation to Sydney Harbour National Parks	<p>14 March 2017 – Defence sent an email with the scanned invitation attached.</p> <p>15 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation.</p> <p>20 March 2017 – Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) (Office of Environment and Heritage) personnel advised that the EPA does not require a briefing and that the invitation had alternatively been forwarded to Sydney Harbour National Parks.</p> <p>18 April 2017 – Defence sent an email to Environmental Protection Authority requesting contact details for Sydney Harbour National Parks.</p>
	Sydney Harbour National Parks	Yet to Occur.	<p>20 March 2017 – Environmental Protection Authority (Office of Environment and Heritage) personnel advised that the briefing invitation had been forwarded to Sydney Harbour National Parks.</p> <p>18 April 2017 – Defence sent an email to Environmental Protection Authority requesting contact details for Sydney Harbour National Parks.</p>

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	COMMENTS
	Port Authority of New South Wales	Occurred on 30 March 2017	<p>14 March 2017 – Defence sent an email with the scanned invitation attached.</p> <p>14 March 2017 – Port Authority personnel contacted Defence with briefing scheduled for 30 March 2017.</p> <p>15 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation.</p> <p>30 March 2017 – Briefing occurred with senior staff from the Port Authority, Ryan Bennett, Brad Milner, and Philip Holliday.</p>
	Department of Planning and Environment	Occurred on 23 March 2017	<p>14 March 2017 – Defence sent an email with the scanned invitation attached to a general email address.</p> <p>15 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation.</p> <p>22 March 2017 – Department personnel contacted to organise briefing for 23 March 2017.</p> <p>23 March 2017 – Briefing occurred with senior staff from Planning Services, Anthea Sargeant and Ben Lusher.</p>
	City of Sydney Council	Proposed to occur on 16 May 2017	<p>14 March 2017 – Defence sent an email with the scanned invitation attached.</p> <p>15 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation.</p> <p>28 March 2017 – The Lord Mayor’s Office informed Defence that the meeting with the Lord Mayor proposed for 16 May 2016 would also include two members of the City of Sydney Council planning and development team.</p>
	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	Proposed to occur on 21 April 2017	<p>14 March 2017 – Defence sent an email with the scanned invitation attached.</p> <p>15 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation.</p>

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	COMMENTS
			11 April 2017 – Community Relations Officer spoke to the Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer and forwarded the invitation to her and provided some dates/times for the briefing to occur. 18 April 2017 – A briefing has been organised for 21 April 2017.
	Property New South Wales (formerly Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority)	Yet to occur	14 March 2017 – Defence sent an email with the scanned invitation attached. 15 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation. 11 April 2017 – Community Relations officer spoke to the receptionist and the invitation was forwarded to a suitable person within the organisation.
COMMUNITY GROUPS	2011 Residents Association Inc	Occurred on 21 March 2017	09 March 2017 – Defence sent email with scanned invitation attached. 09 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation. 14 March 2016 – Ms Helen Crossing accepted the briefing which was organised for 21 March 2017.
	Friends of Sydney Harbour	Not Contactable	09 March 2017 – Defence sent email with scanned invitation attached. 20 March 2017 – Defence's Community Relations Officer sent email update to Friends of Sydney Harbour with suggested briefing dates. 11 April 2017 – There is no contact number for this organisation. Three emails have been sent to this organisation with no response.
	Potts Point and Kings Cross Heritage and Residents' Society	Occurred on 24 March 2017	09 March 2017 – Defence sent email with scanned invitation attached.

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	COMMENTS
			<p>09 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation.</p> <p>14 March 2017 – Andrew Woodhouse (President) called Community Relations Officer to confirm interest in receiving a briefing.</p> <p>15 March 2017 – Additional contact provided by the President.</p> <p>22 and 23 March 2017 – Defence’s Community Relations Officer called and emailed to confirm meeting venue.</p> <p>24 March 2017 – Briefing held with Andrew Woodhouse and Marilyn Gardner.</p>
	National Trust of Australia	Proposed to occur on 21 April 2017	<p>09 March 2017 – Defence sent an email with the scanned invitation attached.</p> <p>09 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation.</p> <p>14 March 2017 – Defence’s Community Relations Officer called Trust office. No response received.</p> <p>15 March 2017 – Defence’s Community Relations Officer called Trust office. Alternative contact provided.</p> <p>17 March 2017 – Defence’s Community Relations Officer sent follow up email.</p> <p>20 March 2017 – Response received. A member of the Trust staff had forwarded the email internally and will contact to arrange a time for a briefing, or to confirm whether they require further information.</p> <p>11 April 2017 – Community Relations Officer followed up with the National Trust staff who previously forwarded the invitation.</p>

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	COMMENTS
			12 April 2017 – Graham Quint Director of Advocacy sent an email to organise and confirm a time. 18 April 2017 – A briefing was confirmed for the 21 April 2017.
	Naval Historical Society of Australia	Yet to Occur	09 March 2017 – Defence sent an email with the scanned invitation attached. 09 March 2017 – Defence posted invitation. 13 March 2017 – Mr David Michael accepted the briefing invitation on the society's behalf via return email. A date for the briefing is still being determined.

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EXAMPLE OF INVITATION LETTER



Australian Government
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Project Director
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Attention: Andrew Woodhouse
Potts Point and Kings Cross Heritage and Residents' Society

Dear Mr Woodhouse

STAGE ONE OF THE GARDEN ISLAND (EAST) CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY PROGRAM, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES

On behalf of the Department of Defence, I would like to offer you a personal briefing on proposed works at the Garden Island Defence Precinct under Stage One of the Garden Island (East) Critical Infrastructure Recovery Program (Stage One).

On 02 March 2017, the Prime Minister of Australia issued a Joint Media Release announcing the referral of these proposed works to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC). Stage One, which is subject to Parliamentary approval, can now be viewed on the PWC's website at the following address:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works/GardenIslandEast

The aim of the works is to address severe condition, capacity and compliance issues with two existing wharves at the Garden Island Defence Precinct. The proposed works include demolishing these two existing wharves and building a new wharf in their place in a revised alignment. It is also proposed to extend an adjoining wharf to limit the new realigned wharf's protrusion into Sydney Harbour. The new realigned wharf is proposed to be equipped with new engineering services, wharf furniture, and a crane to replace those that will be removed during demolition.

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Figure 1: Existing Wharves



Figure 2: Proposed Wharves

If representatives of the society would like to accept or decline this invitation for a personal briefing on the proposed works, please contact me via email at stage.one@defence.gov.au.

For your information, the Department of Defence will be holding two Community Information Sessions on the proposed works. Further detail on the proposed works, as well as the upcoming Community Information sessions, is available at www.defence.gov.au/id/N2253.

Yours sincerely

Lieutenant Colonel Doug Fox
Project Director
Capital Facilities and Infrastructure Branch
Department of Defence

08 March 2017

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

A total of 33 community members attended the two Community Information Sessions that were held at the Juanita Neilson Community Centre in Woolloomooloo on the following dates:

- a. Wednesday 22 March 2017 between 4:00pm and 7:00pm; and
- b. Saturday 25 March 2017 between 10:30am and 1:30pm.

These attendees were from various postcodes surrounding the proposed works site as demonstrated below.

POSTCODE	SUBURBS	ATTENDEES
2011	Elizabeth Bay, HMAS Kuttabul, Potts Point, Rushcutters Bay, Woolloomooloo	16
2010	Darlinghurst, Surry Hills	1
2061	Kirribilli, Milsons Point	1
2065	Crows Nest, Greenwich, Naremburn, Royal North Shore Hospital, St Leonards, Wollstonecraft	1
2090	Cremorne , Cremorne Junction, Cremorne Point	2
2027	Darling Point, Edgecliff , HMAS Rushcutters, Point Piper	2
2028	Double Bay	1
-	Undeclared	9
Total		33

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SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES RAISED DURING CONSULTATION

A summary of the key issues raised during all consultation activities, as well as Defence's response to these issues, is provided in the table below.

Overview: Generally, stakeholders were curious about the proposed works and any developments proposed at Garden Island more generally. Once briefed, stakeholders generally understood the need for the works and appreciated Defence's approach to both minimising impacts where practicable and consulting with the community. Stakeholders were generally supportive of the proposed works and did not raise any significant issues or concerns that will impact the Project.

Issue/Question:	Raised by:	How each issue has been addressed:
<i>If this is Stage One, what is Stage Two?</i>	All stakeholders	<p>Stage Two is the second stage of the proposed Critical Infrastructure Recovery Program at Garden Island (East).</p> <p>Stage Two proposes to remediate, rather than replace, the existing wharves (other than those which are the subject of Stage One) and remediate existing engineering services such as electrical infrastructure.</p> <p>Stage Two will be the subject of a separate referral to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) in the future, which will include similar consultation activities.</p>
<i>How long will construction take?</i>	Community groups Members of the public	Subject to Parliamentary Approval of the proposed Project, physical on-site construction is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2017 with completion in December 2020.
<i>What are the proposed hours of work?</i>	Community groups Members of the public	<p>The proposed construction works will generally be conducted during standard working hours, which are between 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm Saturday.</p> <p>Work outside of standard working hours may be occasionally required for special activities such as complex crane lifts from barges to match low tidal movements.</p> <p>No work is currently planned to occur on Sundays or public holidays.</p>

Issue/Question:	Raised by:	How each issue has been addressed:
<i>Will the new wharf only berth larger ships or will it also berth smaller ships as well?</i>	Community groups	The proposed works are designed to support all current and future-planned Navy vessels.
<i>What will be the noise impacts?</i>	Community groups Members of the public	<p>A Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment has been prepared to assess the potential construction and operation noise and vibration impacts as a result of the proposed works.</p> <p>During construction, day-time noise impacts are expected particularly during concrete breaking and impact piling activities. The highest levels of exceedance are predicted for Navy residents on-site at Garden Island, and then at representative catchment areas in Potts Point and Elizabeth Bay.</p> <p>These impacts will be temporary and will be influenced by the construction and staging methodology implemented by the construction and demolition contractor, subject to Parliamentary Approval.</p> <p>Mitigation measures have been recommended by a specialist Environmental and Heritage Consultant to reduce and manage impacts during construction.</p> <p>There will be some changes to noise levels during operations at Garden Island post completion of the proposed works. This will include some minor increases and some reductions, depending on receiver locations, and berthing patterns and maintenance activities at each of the Garden Island wharves.</p> <p>The proposed works will provide greater berthing flexibility to Navy. This includes the opportunity to berth one Landing Helicopter Dock Ship on the new realigned wharf, further away from neighbouring residential areas.</p>
<i>There are concerns regarding current noise levels from Garden Island activities. Recent examples of generator noise and dock noise were raised.</i>	Members of the public	Garden Island is a complex industrial base used to conduct essential berthing and maintenance activities on Navy vessels. These activities do generate noise, however, Navy does its best to minimise impacts on surrounding residential areas as far as practicable.

Issue/Question:	Raised by:	How each issue has been addressed:
		<p>This includes, for example, restricting the extent of maintenance activities on the Fleet Base East wharves, given their proximity to residential areas.</p> <p>One of the key advantages of the proposed works is that it will enable Navy to, once again, fully utilise the Cruiser and Oil Wharves, which are located further away from residential areas, while the removal of the existing knuckle between them will create more usable wharf space and provide greater berthing flexibility. This will enable Navy to relocate one Landing Helicopter Dock ship away from the Fleet Base East wharves.</p> <p>Members of the public were advised to contact Commanding Officer <i>Kuttabul</i> to discuss noise associated with current operations.</p>
<i>What sound attenuation or noise mitigation measures will be in force?</i>	Community group Member of the public	<p>To manage and minimise noise impacts during construction, a number of mitigation measures may be considered. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • integrating community feedback into construction scheduling to seek to avoid periods of sensitive use (e.g. exam periods at surrounding schools, mass at nearby places of worship) as far as practicable; and • restricting construction works to standard hours, including no planned work on Sundays and Public Holidays, where feasible.
<i>Will there be any extra equipment on the Cowper Wharf Roadway wharf at any time?</i>	Community group	<p>There will not be any additional equipment added to or stored on the Cowper Wharf Roadway wharf as part of the proposed works.</p>
<i>Is it intended that the two or more LHDs (Landing Helicopter Dock) ships will be berthed at the proposed new wharf?</i>	Community group	<p>The proposed works will enable Navy to, once again, fully utilise the Cruiser and Oil Wharves for production and maintenance activities. The removal of the existing knuckle between them will create more flexible berth space at Garden Island, as will the small extension to the East Dock Wharf. Navy will have the ability to berth Landing Helicopter Dock ships at both the extended East Dock Wharf and at the new realigned wharf, depending on availability and need.</p>

Issue/Question:	Raised by:	How each issue has been addressed:
<i>Is it intended that smaller/quieter boats be berthed alongside Cowper Wharf Roadway wharf, and how will this impact on berthage on Cowper Wharf Roadway wharf?</i>	Community group	The proposed works will provide greater flexibility for Navy to berth its vessels in different arrangements. This could include, for example, berthing smaller and quieter vessels alongside the Fleet Base East wharves alongside the Cowper Wharf Roadway.
<i>Traffic impacts during construction and operation</i>	Member of the public	<p>Traffic modeling has indicated that the addition of construction traffic would not have any major impacts on the operational performance of the assessed road intersections of Cowper Wharf with Bourke Street, Wylde Street and the base entrance.</p> <p>The number of additional construction vehicles is within the range of normal daily variations in traffic volumes. It is therefore considered that the impact of construction traffic on the operational performance of the intersection would be relatively minor when compared to its current operation.</p> <p>Additionally, where feasible, equipment and material will be transported to the proposed works site via sea to reduce traffic on the surrounding road network.</p> <p>It is not expected that the amount of ongoing operational traffic once the proposed works are completed (subject to approval) will be significantly affected.</p>
<i>Will the number of personnel on the base increase?</i>	Member of the public	<p>The proposed works will generate approximately 300 construction jobs over the construction period. The number of personnel on Base at any one time for construction purposes, however, will fluctuate depending on the nature of construction activities underway at a particular point.</p> <p>There will be no net increase in Defence and Defence Support personnel on the base as a result of the completion of the works. This is because the works aim to remediate existing wharf assets/capability, not provide additional berthing capacity.</p>
<i>What is the long-term role for Navy at Garden Island?</i>	Members of the public	Garden Island is an enduring base for the Navy in Sydney Harbor. It forms a complex network across the Sydney region with close interdependencies with other Naval Bases and Facilities in and surrounding Sydney Harbour.

Issue/Question:	Raised by:	How each issue has been addressed:
		Defence has undertaken numerous studies on the feasibility of relocating Naval operations away from Garden Island. These studies have concluded that there is no feasible or suitable alternate site.
<i>Will there be proposed new uses at Garden Island, such as landing fighter jets?</i>	Member of the public	The proposed works are designed to accommodate current and future planned naval vessels for maintenance and operational purposes. There will be no new uses as a result of the proposed works given they are aimed as remedying deterioration with the existing wharf assets.
<i>Are the LHD's able to accommodate other aircraft?</i>	Member of the public	The Landing Helicopter Dock ships are not equipped to accommodate other aircraft.
<i>Will Garden Island berth additional vessels, such as aircraft carriers?</i>	Member of the public	The proposed works are designed to support current and future-planned Navy vessels. Vessels belonging to foreign allies may use the new wharves; however, the works are not being designed specifically for them.
<i>What is the volume of dredging to occur?</i>	Member of the public	It is estimated that 38,400 cubic meters of dredged materials will be removed from the pocket surrounding the proposed works.
<i>What will the new crane on the dock look like?</i>	Member of the public	The exact details of the proposed new crane are not known until the crane is procured post Parliamentary approval of the Project. The member of the public who asked this question, however, was shown an indicative image of the crane as shown in the Statement of Evidence.
<i>Will additional public access to Garden Island be allowed as a part of these works?</i>	Member of the public	No, the proposed works will not increase public access to Garden Island.
<i>Will the new wharf accommodate cruise ships?</i>	Member of the public	No, the proposed works are not being designed to accommodate Cruise Ships and there is no intention to amend the current agreement where Defence offers three cruise ship berths at Fleet Base East Wharves 1-3 (adjacent to Cowper Wharf Road) to occur each Cruise Ship season, subject to Defence requirements.
<i>Will there be extra security for cruise ships if they use Garden Island?</i>	Member of the public	No, the proposed works are not being designed to accommodate Cruise Ships.

Issue/Question:	Raised by:	How each issue has been addressed:
		There is no intention to amend the current agreement where Defence offers three cruise ship berths at Fleet Base 1-3 (adjacent to Cowper Wharf Road) to occur each Cruiser Ship season, subject to Defence requirements.
<i>Will there be an increase in wharf space?</i>	Community groups	The proposed works will only result in a slight increase in wharf space of approximately 16 metres.
<i>Will there be impacts on the heritage buildings located behind the works site?</i>	Community groups	No, there will be no impact on any existing heritage buildings in the vicinity of the proposed works.
<i>What are the piles made out of?</i>	Member of the public	The proposed piles will be made out of steel.
<p><i>Dear Project Team</i></p> <p><i>During your consultation process, I caution you about individuals claiming to be "presidents" or "convenors" of groups supposedly representative of residents or other members of special interest groups.</i></p> <p><i>A group's registration history can be checked on public registers on ASIC's website.</i></p> <p><i>If unregistered, it is difficult to check the group's authenticity, history, membership numbers, reputation or governance and one person may present as a spokesperson when really offering his individual views.</i></p>	Member of the public (email)	<p>Good morning XX,</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to contact us.</p> <p>We appreciate the advice you have provided.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<p><i>Naval expansion</i></p> <p><i>Questions -</i></p> <p><i>If this is stage 1, what is stage 2?</i></p> <p><i>What is stage 1 costing?</i></p> <p><i>Will there be more personnel on Garden Island - and more traffic - how much more?</i></p> <p><i>How long will construction</i></p>	Member of the public (email)	<p>Good afternoon XX,</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to meet with myself and XX on Friday 24 March 2017.</p> <p>Please find these responses below.</p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.</p>

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<p><i>take?</i></p> <p><i>What are the proposed hours of work?</i></p> <p><i>What sound attenuation or noise mitigation measures will be in force?</i></p> <p><i>Will there be more LHDs on Cowper Wharf Roadway</i></p> <p><i>Is it intended that the two LHDs will be berthed at the proposed new wharf?</i></p> <p><i>Is it intended that smaller/quieter boats be berthed alongside Cowper Wharf Road?</i></p>		<p><i>If this is stage 1, what is stage 2?</i></p> <p>As discussed, Stage Two proposes to deliver critical remediation works to the remaining wharves (less the Cruiser Wharf and the Oil Wharf which are the subject of Stage One) as well as the base-wide engineering services including electrical, fuel, potable water, and compressed air.</p> <p>As it currently stands, Stage Two is essentially a maintenance project which does not propose to demolish existing wharves or build any new wharves but, rather, repair the existing ones. Stage Two will be the subject of a separate submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in the future.</p> <p><i>What is stage 1 costing?</i></p> <p>The estimated total capital out-turned cost of Stage One is \$213.4 million (excluding Goods and Services Tax).</p> <p><i>Will there be more personnel on Garden Island - and more traffic - how much more?</i></p> <p>Subject to Parliamentary approval, Stage One proposes to employ a diverse range of skilled consultants, contractors, and construction workers to construct, and manage the construction of, the proposed works. It is currently estimated that up 300 jobs will be generated during the construction phase.</p> <p>Traffic modelling has indicated that the addition of construction traffic would not have any major impact on the operational performance of the assessed road intersections of Cowper Wharf Road & Bourke Street, nor Wylde Street and the Base Entrance. It is anticipated that the number of additional construction vehicles will be within the range of normal daily variations in traffic volumes for the Base (e.g. general fluctuations due to the varying number of ships in and ship maintenance workers required). Where possible, equipment and materials will be transported to the construction site via barge on the water.</p>

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		<p>There is not expected to be a net increase in personnel or traffic after completion of the proposed works, as they seek to reinstate existing wharf capability, not increase the workforce at Garden Island.</p> <p><i>How long will construction take?</i></p> <p>Subject to Parliamentary approval, design activities are expected to be completed in mid-2017 with construction then expected to commence in the third quarter of 2017 for completion in late 2020.</p> <p><i>What are the proposed hours of work?</i></p> <p>The proposed construction works are planned to occur between 7am to 6pm on Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturday.</p> <p><i>What sound attenuation or noise mitigation measures will be in force?</i></p> <p>During construction, the greatest noise impacts are most likely to occur during proposed demolition (concrete breaking etc) and pile driving activities. These impacts will only be during normal construction hours, with the greatest impacts likely to be in catchment areas in Potts Points and Elizabeth Bay. These impacts will only be temporary with proposed mitigation measures including scheduling to reduce impacts during sensitive periods, enforcing breaks in sustained activities, and, where feasible, implementing opportunities for sound dampening measures where practicable.</p> <p><i>Will there be more LHDs on Cowper Wharf Roadway</i></p> <p>No. Navy only has two Landing Helicopter Dock (LHD) ships. The LHD ships are currently being berthed at Fleet Base East Wharf 1 (North and South) and Fleet Base East Wharves 2-3.</p>

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		<p>Defence acknowledges that Potts Point residents have complained about noise impacts when a LHD is berthed at Fleet Base East Wharves 2-3. These noise impacts have been reduced by the Cruiser Wharf Temporary Upgrade project, which delivered temporary stabilisation works to the deteriorated Cruiser Wharf. These works enabled one LHD to alternatively berth at the Cruiser Wharf in very limited wind conditions as an interim measure until Stage One is delivered, subject to approval. The delivery of Stage One will reinstate fully functioning wharf space at the northern end of Garden Island. This is important as it will provide greater flexibility for Navy to berth the LHD ships further away from local residents, pending wharf availability and maintenance works required on other ships.</p> <p><i>Is it intended that the two LHDs will be berthed at the proposed new wharf?</i></p> <p>No, not specifically. The proposed works will enable one LHD ship to berth along the length of the new realigned wharf and one LHD to berth along the East Dock Wharf as a result of its proposed extension. This will provide greater flexibility for Navy to berth the LHDs at the northern end of the Island away from residential areas, pending wharf availability and maintenance works required on other ships.</p> <p><i>Is it intended that smaller/quieter boats be berthed alongside Cowper Wharf Road?</i></p> <p>No, not specifically. As noted above, the proposed works will provide greater flexibility for Navy to berth its larger ships away from residential areas but this is subject to wharf availability and maintenance works required on other ships.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<p>Hi XX,</p> <p><i>My newsletter is a very visual newsletter, distributed to every letterbox in Darling Point, most in Edgecliff and a</i></p>	<p>Member of the public (email)</p>	<p>Good morning XX,</p> <p>It was lovely to meet you at the Community Information Session and thank you for the positive feedback on our presentation.</p>

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<p><i>great number of copies to the surrounding suburbs. 8,000 copies are printed and it is distributed early in each school term.</i></p> <p><i>I attended your Wednesday 22 March Information Session.</i></p> <p><i>For my newsletter, I would like you to email me the 2 /3 images which are in the submission.</i></p> <p><i>I have pulled the images off your site but they are very bad quality. I would like the same clarity as the images in your report.</i></p> <p><i>I will attach one image with this email</i></p> <p><i>I will send a second email with the draft wording for the newsletter.</i></p> <p><i>Many thanks</i></p> <p><i>XX</i></p> <p><i>PS My readers include Malcolm Turnbull and all his office at Edgecliff. Gabrielle Upton, State Minister for Environment, Local Government, Heritage. All Woollahra Councilors.</i></p> <p><i>Hi XX,</i></p> <p><i>I am attaching the other image which again you can see is very bad quality. Would like you to email these images in higher res, please.</i></p> <p><i>I am also attaching the draft of my article. As you can see, I have not mentioned your start and finish dates, noise, the extra harbour area on the</i></p>		<p>Your draft article looks fantastic. I have attached all of the images from the Statement of Evidence to assist.</p> <p>Please let me know if there is anything further I can assist you with and thank you again for your support.</p>

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<p><i>image, etc. I have purposely kept the article to 'local and general'</i></p> <p><i>The Information session was well presented and well planned - thank you</i></p> <p><i>XX</i></p> <p><i>Repairs to the Garden Island wharf</i></p> <p><i>From Darling Point and heading west, the next peninsular is Garden Island. The wooden wharf that we see from Darling Point is Gun Wharf. On Australia Day, we see the 21 gun salute fired from a cannon and the Naval Officers in white uniforms march along the wharf. The repairs being discussed are on the other side of Garden Island.</i></p> <p><i>On the western side, is Oil Wharf which was built in the 1890's and Cruiser Wharf built about 1930. It is on this western side that some much needed repairs are being planned, discussed and need Parliamentary approval. The proposed works include demolition of Oil Wharf and Cruiser Wharf, then building one new wharf in a straight, revised alignment. The new single wharf will accomodate longer naval ships.</i></p> <p><i>The project is Stage One of the Garden Island (East) Critical Infrastructure Recovery Program.</i></p> <p><i>To clarify the name, Garden Island (East) refers to Garden Island on the Eastern side of Australia, in Sydney.</i></p>		

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<p><i>Garden</i></p> <p><i>Island (West) is in Western Australia.</i></p> <p>www.defence.gov.au/id/N2253</p> <p>stage.one@defence.gov.au</p> <p><i>Hi XX,</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for the images which are high res, lovely and clear. I am working on these now.</i></p> <p><i>Have a lovely day</i></p>		
<p><i>To whom it may concern,</i></p> <p><i>From the pictures of the existing wharf Figure 1 to the Proposed Wharf 2, my first question is, while this wharf is being updated where will the ships that are usually berthed at this wharf go? Also how long will the reconstruction take and can the Navy guarantee that we do not have to live with huge ships like the Canberra or Adelaide berthed outside our apartment blocks.</i></p> <p><i>I live in Wylde street and people who live in this area, do understand that we live alongside Garden Island, and so we live with the ships BUT we cannot live next to ships of this size. We live in a densely populated residential area next to Garden Island but it doesn't mean we cannot expect to have quality of life, when these ships are berthed here everyone is affected.</i></p> <p><i>The Canberra is again berthed outside units for three days now. I have heard on the news that both the Canberra</i></p>	<p>Member of the public (email)</p>	<p>XX,</p> <p>Your email has been referred to me as the Commanding Officer of HMAS Kuttabul as it relates more to the current situation and Navy operational aspects vice the Project proper.</p> <p>Please see my comments below.</p> <p><i>To whom it may concern,</i></p> <p><i>From the pictures of the existing wharf Figure 1 to the Proposed Wharf 2, my first question is, while this wharf is being updated where will the ships that are usually berthed at this wharf go? Also how long will the reconstruction take and can the Navy guarantee that we do not have to live with huge ships like the Canberra or Adelaide berthed outside our apartment blocks.</i></p> <p>The project will be conducted in phases allowing the Cruiser wharf to be used by some ships until mid 2019. By then one LHD will be capable of berthing at the Northern end of the new wharf.</p> <p>Destruction and reconstruction of the wharves will take up to 3 years. Navy is unable to guarantee that the LHD will not berth at FBE # 2/3 as this berth may be required from time to time, however we remain committed to reducing the impost as much as is possible.</p>

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<p><i>and the Adelaide are out of action ?? In the past this huge, incredibly noisy ship was berthed for 4 or 5 months at a time. I hope we are not expected to put up with this ship berthed in this space for that or any length of time.?</i></p> <p><i>It is incredibly noisy, even with all windows closed its still incredibly noisy - it difficult to sleep at nights. The toxic fumes coming from the ship blowing into apartments 24/7 is another serious concern and a danger to residents health. Also not being able to see anything except a grey wall, the interruption to television and internet reception. These were all concerns raised by residents and which the Navy is aware of.</i></p> <p><i>This will always continue to be an issue. The Navy has done their best to avoid parking the ship where it is, and have always tried to move it further away from the residential areas. We have had meetings where the Navy has informed us of what is happening with these ships etc. We were also able to speak directly to the Commander, there was a Commander Jeffcoat, then another Commander Hunt, I think? who took our calls.</i></p> <p><i>So basically to go over old territory, could we please know the situation with the berthing of the Canberra and Adelaide and what will the future look like regarding this situation. Also what to expect with the reconstruction of the proposed wharf. Could you</i></p>		<p><i>I live in Wylde street and people who live in this area, do understand that we live alongside Garden Island, and so we live with the ships BUT we cannot live next to ships of this size. We live in a densely populated residential area next to Garden Island but it doesn't mean we cannot expect to have quality of life, when these ships are berthed here everyone is affected.</i></p> <p>Acknowledged.</p> <p><i>The Canberra is again berthed outside units for three days now. I have heard on the news that both the Canberra and the Adelaide are out of action ?? In the past this huge, incredibly noisy ship was berthed for 4 or 5 months at a time. I hope we are not expected to put up with this ship berthed in this space for that or any length of time.?</i></p> <p>The duration of the current arrangement has not yet been determined however we will aim to move one of the LHD to the Cruiser Wharf as soon as possible.</p> <p><i>It is incredibly noisy, even with all windows closed its still incredibly noisy - it difficult to sleep at nights. The toxic fumes coming from the ship blowing into apartments 24/7 is another serious concern and a danger to residents health. Also not being able to see anything except a grey wall, the interruption to television and internet reception. These were all concerns raised by residents and which the Navy is aware of.</i></p> <p>Noted.</p> <p><i>This will always continue to be an issue. The Navy has done their best to avoid parking the ship where it is, and have always tried to move it further away from the residential areas. We have had meetings where the Navy has informed us of what is happening with these ships etc. We were also able to speak directly to the Commander, there was a Commander Jeffcoat, then another Commander Hunt, I think? who took our calls.</i></p>

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<p><i>please supply a phone number for people to call to raise their concerns as well.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you very much and appreciate your time.</i></p>		<p>I assumed Command of HMAS Kuttabul from Rebecca in Sep 16. I am the new point of contact should you wish to discuss issues.</p> <p><i>So basically to go over old territory, could we please know the situation with the berthing of the Canberra and Adelaide and what will the future look like regarding this situation. Also what to expect with the reconstruction of the proposed wharf. Could you please supply a phone number for people to call to raise their concerns as well.</i></p> <p>The Emergency contact remains the Incident Control Centre (ICC) on 9359 2222 or alternatively my Officer of the Day (OOD) out of hours on mobile 0419 241 794.</p> <p>Thank you very much and appreciate your time.</p>
<p><i>Dear Sir/Madam,</i></p> <p><i>I refer to the community information sessions that were held on 22nd and 25th March. My wife and I live in one of the apartments in "Tarana" at 1A Wylde Street. Unfortunately we were away so could not attend the information sessions. Whilst our son did attend on our behalf we would like to make some further enquiries so that we have a better understanding of the longer term impact of the new wharves.</i></p> <p><i>We would appreciate it if we could have some indication as to the Navy's intention (we understand there are no guarantees) to the following questions:</i></p> <p><i>1. When the new wharf is completed is it the intention that both LHD's will be berthed there when at home? If not both, then at least one</i></p>	<p>Member of the public (email)</p>	<p>XX,</p> <p>Thankyou for your email.</p> <p>Please see my answers below.</p> <p><i>1. When the new wharf is completed is it the intention that both LHD's will be berthed there when at home? If not both, then at least one with the other one berthed forward at Fleet base wharf?</i></p> <p>On completion of the project there will be capacity to berth one of these ships alongside the new wharf and another at the extended 'East Wall'. Of note, these berths would be used principally for production/maintenance for all ships however it is intended that on the majority of occasions at least one would berth at this end of Garden Island (CW or EW). Therefore it is likely that on those occasion that both LHD are in Sydney one would be berthed at the new wharf and the other at FBE#1 N/S. How we shuffle ships around at the peak periods (such as Christmas) when both LHD, other large ships and the majority of the Fleet will be in port is yet to be determined.</p>

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<p><i>with the other one berthed forward at Fleet base wharf?</i></p> <p><i>2. We understand there are 3 new destroyer ships arriving over the next year or so. Will there home base be Garden Island? And do you have any idea of how noisy they will be?</i></p> <p><i>3. During the proposed 3 year construction period is there any plan to relocate at least one of the LHD's to an alternative home base?</i></p> <p><i>4. In general we are hopeful that once the new wharf is completed the situation in regard to noise and diesel fumes will improve. Is this a fair assumption? We are hoping that the noisier ships (such as the LHD's and HMAS Choules), which also seem to expel the most diesel fumes, will largely be berthed at the new facility. Again, we understand the Navy is not in a position to make firm commitments in this regard, however some indication would be appreciated.</i></p> <p><i>5. We would ideally like to meet with an appropriate person(s) from the Navy to run through these questions.</i></p> <p><i>We look forward to receiving a response to this email in due course.</i></p> <p><i>Regards,</i></p>		<p><i>2. We understand there are 3 new destroyer ships arriving over the next year or so. Will there home base be Garden Island? And do you have any idea of how noisy they will be?</i></p> <p>This first destroyer is due to arrive from SA in July. I am endeavouring to source noise data however as ownership of the ship has not yet been transferred to the Commonwealth there are hoops to jump through. Of note, we currently have a Spanish version of the same ship working out of Sydney and even when berthed at FBE#5 (closest to Harry's) we did not receive any noise complaints.</p> <p><i>3. During the proposed 3 year construction period is there any plan to relocate at least one of the LHD's to an alternative home base?</i></p> <p>Not at this time. The support infrastructure for these ships is located here in Sydney, as are the families and supporting networks for the crews.</p> <p><i>4. In general we are hopeful that once the new wharf is completed the situation in regard to noise and diesel fumes will improve. Is this a fair assumption?</i></p> <p>Yes</p> <p><i>5. We are hoping that the noisier ships (such as the LHD's and HMAS Choules), which also seem to expel the most diesel fumes, will largely be berthed at the new facility. That is right.</i></p> <p><i>6. Again, we understand the Navy is not in a position to make firm commitments in this regard, however some indication would be appreciated.</i></p> <p><i>We would ideally like to meet with an appropriate person(s) from the Navy to run through these questions.</i></p> <p>I hope that I have answered your questions. I do not have a community forum planned yet however would like to do so in the near future.</p>

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No issues were taken on notice, all questions and issues were addressed at each consultation session with stakeholders.		