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List of Abbreviations

ACT	Australian Capital Territory
Council	Greater Queanbeyan City Council
DEC SPD	Department of Environment and Conservation Sustainability Programs Division (NSW)
Defence	Department of Defence
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ESD	Ecologically Sustainable Development
HJOC	Headquarters Joint Operations Command
MOST	Molonglo Observatory Synthesis Telescope
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRO	Molonglo Radio Observatory
NSW	New South Wales
RFI	Radio Frequency Interference
RTA	Roads and Traffic Authority
SKA	Square Kilometre Array
SKAMP	Square Kilometre Array Molonglo Prototype
SUMSS	Sydney University Molonglo Sky Survey



Extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives

No. 165 dated Wednesday, 31 March 2004

**PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—
REFERENCE OF WORK—PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR
HEADQUARTERS JOINT OPERATIONS COMMAND, N.S.W.**

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Provision of facilities for Headquarters Joint Operations Command, N.S.W.

Question—put and passed.



List of Recommendations

3 Issues and Conclusions

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Department of Defence and its private consortium partners liaise with the New South Wales Department of Environment and Conservation Sustainability Programs Division to ensure that the Headquarters Joint Operations Command Facility meets the highest possible standards for the minimisation of waste production and energy use.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Department of Defence liaise with the Greater Queanbeyan City Council and the New South Wales Roads and Traffic Authority in respect of traffic management and road safety issues arising from the proposed development.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the Department of Defence continue close consultation with the University of Sydney Molonglo Radio Observatory and implement all possible radio frequency interference mitigation measures during both the construction and operation of the Headquarters Joint Operations Command facility to ensure that the Molonglo Radio Observatory can continue to operate without interference.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the Department of Defence provide it with reports on the progress of works and associated costs at each stage of completion of the Headquarters Joint Operations Command project.

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the proposed provision of facilities for Headquarters Joint Operations Command, NSW proceed at the estimated cost of \$318.08 million.