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The Secretary
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Attention: Ms Margaret Swieringa

RESPONSE TO PWC FROM THE AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

1. Thank you for referring a copy of the letter dated 22 July 2002 from the Australian Heritage Commission concerning the RAAF Base Williamtown Redevelopment Stage 1 and Airborne Early Warning and Control Aircraft Facilities project.
2. The Australian Heritage Commission has identified that the works covered by this proposal are unlikely to have any effect on Indigenous or historic heritage values, however, part of the proposal may impact on natural heritage values. A Review of Environmental Factors is currently nearing completion and if necessary, Defence will undertake the appropriate referral action under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999*. If necessary, an assessment of alternatives to clearing vulnerable vegetation will be undertaken as part of this process.

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