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**The Hon Judi Moylan MP** Chair Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Ms Moylan

## HMAS CRESWELL REDEVELOPMENT, JERVIS BAY TERRITORY – SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION

On 27 June 2007, Mr Sean Hambrook wrote to you on behalf of the Department of Transport and Regional Services regarding the HMAS Creswell Redevelopment project. I would like to take the opportunity to address the Department of Transport and Regional Services concern in relation to the supply of water for the swimming pool.

Defence is committed to achieving sustainable water use well into the future. Our main objective is to minimise the use of water that is extracted from the environment. This strategy has been considered and a number of options are being investigated as an alternative to potable water from Lake Windermere for the supply of the pool. These options, including a mobile desalination plant, water carting and temporary rainwater collection tanks, will be further investigated.

Additionally, the implementation of Ecologically Sustainable Development initiatives and the effluent recycling and reuse strategy will together result in a reduction in potable water consumption on site, based on the current population.

Defence will liaise with the Department of Transport and Regional Services to ensure an appropriate solution is reached and that no additional strain is put on the existing water resources in the Territory.

Yours sincerek

William Grice Brigadier Director General Infrastructure Asset Development

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