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Senator Dean Smith

Chair

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Smith,

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT FOR THE AIR5431 PHASE 2 AND 3
DEFENCE AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEM FACILITIES
REQUIREMENTS AND AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE AIR TRAFFIC
CONTROL COMPLEX INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

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 the AIR5431 Phase 2 and 3 Defence Air Traffic Management and Control System Facilities Requirements and Australian Defence Force Air Traffic Control Complex Infrastructure Project (the Project).

Broadly, the strategy for community consultation adopted by Defence was undertaken with the following objectives:

- ensuring that the public was informed about the Project using cost effective, wide ranging communication channels; and
- ensuring the public had every opportunity to raise issues of concern or seek further information.

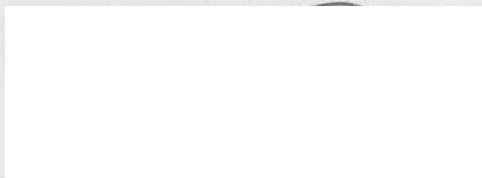
The consultation activities undertaken included:

- Detailed email correspondence with local groups, State and Federal members, with individual briefings conducted where requested. The members and groups consulted, with a short description of the outcomes of the contact are detailed in Annex A. An example of the correspondence sent to the respective groups is detailed at Annex B;
- Advertisements in the local newspapers, listed in Annex C; and
- A series of Public Consultation Sessions undertaken, details listed at Annex D;

Key issues raised by the Community through the Consultation sessions are listed at Annex E.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Director General Capital Facilities and Infrastructure

12 November 2015

Annexes:

- A. List of Stakeholders Consulted
- B. Example correspondence sent to Key Stakeholders
- C. Newspaper and Media Advertisements
- D. Public Consultation Sessions undertaken for the Project
- E. Key Questions and Issues raised during Community Consultation Sessions

ANNEX A TO
AF23314873
DATED 12 NOVEMBER 2015

LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED

LEVEL OF CONSULTATION	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	COMMENTS
Federal Member (RAAF Base Richmond)	Ms Louise Markus MP, Member for Macquarie	7 October 2015	Ms Markus attended the Community Consultation event where a briefing on the project was provided by the Project Team.
Federal Member (RAAF Base Williamtown)	Ms Sharon Claydon MP, Member for Newcastle	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Federal Member (HMAS Albatross)	Ms Ann Submalis MP, Member for Gilmore	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Premier, New South Wales	Mr Mike Baird MLA, Premier of New South Wales Member for Manly	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Roads and Maritime, New South Wales	Mr Andrew Constance MLA, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Member for Bega	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Member (RAAF Base Richmond)	Mr Dominic Perrottet MP, Member for Hawkesbury	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Member (RAAF Base Williamtown)	Ms Kate Washington MLA, Member for Port Stephens	Not Applicable	Ms Kate Washington's staff contacted Defence on 9 Nov, for a telephone briefing on 23 Nov. Accordingly, the Project Team will be briefing to Ms Washington on 23 Nov.
State Member (HMAS Albatross)	Mr Gareth Ward MLA, Member for Kiama	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Local Council (RAAF)	Mr Kim Ford, Mayor of Hawkesbury City	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter

LEVEL OF CONSULTATION	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	COMMENTS
Base Richmond)	Council		
Local Council (HMAS Albatross)	Ms Joanna Gash , Mayor of Shoalhaven City Council	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Local Council (RAAF Base Williamtown)	Mr Bruce MacKenzie , Mayor Port Stephens Council	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Federal Member (RAAF Base Darwin)	Ms Natasha Griggs MP, Member for Solomon	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Federal Member (RAAF Base Tindal)	Mr Warren Snowdon MP, Member for Lingiari	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Chief Minister, Northern Territory	Mr Adam Giles MLA, Chief Minister	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Department of Transport, Northern Territory	Mr Peter Chandler MLA, Minister for Transport, Member for Brennan	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Member (RAAF Base Darwin)	Mr David Tollner MLA, Member for Fong Lim	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Member (RAAF Base Tindal)	Mr William Van Holthe MLA, Deputy Chief Minister, Member for Katherine	29 September 2015	The Project Team provided a phone briefing to Mr Van Holthe
Local Council (RAAF Base Darwin)	Ms Katrina Lim , Mayor of City of Darwin	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Local Council (RAAF Base Tindal)	Ms Fay Miller , Mayor of Katherine Town Council	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Darwin International Airport Pty Ltd	Mr Gary Porter , Manager Airport Operations	8 October 2015	Representatives of Darwin International Airport attended the Community Consultation event held in Darwin where a briefing on the project was provided by the Project Team
Federal Member (RAAF Base Amberley)	Mr Shayne Neumann MP, Member for Blair	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter

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Federal Member (AAC Oakey)	Mr Ian Macfarlane MP, Member for Groom	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Federal Member (RAAF Base Townsville)	Mr Ewen Jones MP, Member for Herbert	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Premier, Queensland	Ms Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, State Premier, Member for Inala	1 October 2015	The Project Team provided a phone briefing to the staff of Ms Palaszczuk (POC Mr Lindsay Pears)
Department of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland	Mr Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports, Member for Yeerongpilly	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Member (RAAF Base Townsville)	Mr Scott Stewart MP, Member for Townsville	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Member (RAAF Base Amberley)	Mr Jim Madden MP, Member for Ipswich West	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Member (AAC Oakey)	Mr Pat Weir MP, Member for Condamine	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Local Council (RAAF Base Amberley)	Mr Paul Pisasale , Mayor of Ipswich City Council	6 October 2015	The Project Team provided an individual briefing to Mr Pisasale
Local Council (RAAF Base Townsville)	Ms Jenny Hill , Mayor of Townsville	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Local Council (AAC Oakey)	Mr Paul Antonio , Mayor Toowoomba Regional Council	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Townsville Airport	Mr Barry Coonan , General Manager Asset Services	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Federal Member (RAAF Woomera)	Mr Rowan Ramsey MP, Member for Grey	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Federal Member (RAAF Base Edinburgh)	Mr Nick Champion MP, Member for Wakefield	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter

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State Premier, South Australia	Mr Jay Weatherill MP, Premier of South Australia, Member for Cheltenham	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, South Australia	Mr Stephen Mullighan MHA, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Member for Lee	15 October 2015	The Project Team provided a phone briefing to the staff of Mr Mullighan (POC Mr Juergen Ruppert)
State Member (RAAF Woomera)	Mr Eddie Hughes MP, Member for Giles	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Member (RAAF Base Edinburgh)	Ms Leesa Vlahos MP, Member for Taylor	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Local Council (RAAF Base Edinburgh)	Ms Gillian Aldridge , Mayor of City of Salisbury	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Federal Member (RAAF Base East Sale)	Mr Darren Chester MP, Member for Gippsland, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Premier, Victoria	Mr Daniel Andrews MP, Premier of Victoria	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Vicroads, Victoria	Mr Luke Donellan MLA, Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Member for Narre Warren North	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Member (RAAF Base East Sale)	Mr Danny O'Brien MP, Member for Gippsland South	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Local Council (RAAF Base East Sale)	Cr Carolyn Crossley , Mayor of Wellington Shire Council	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Federal Member (RAAF Base Pearce and RAAF Gingin)	Mr Christian Porter MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Member for Pearce	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Premier, Western Australia	Mr Colin Barnett MLA, Premier of Western Australia, Minister for State Development	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter

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Main Roads Western Australia	Mr Dean Nalder MLA, Minister for Transport Member for Alfred Cove	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Member (RAAF Base Pearce)	Mr Francesco Alban MLA, Member for Swan Hills	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
State Member (RAAF Gingin)	Mr Ronald Love MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands, Member for Moore	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Local Council (RAAF Base Pearce)	Cr Charlie Zannino , Mayor of City of Swan	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Local Council (RAAF Gingin)	Cr Michael Aspinall , Shire President, Shire of Gingin	Not Applicable	A Briefing was requested by Mr Aspinall. The Project Team provided some suggested dates and times for the briefing and no further response was received from Mr Aspinall
Utility Company	Mr Mark Gobbie , General Manager of Operations and Maintenance, SA Water	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Ms Djuna Pollard , Chief Executive, NT Power Water	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Mr David Edmunds , Executive General Manager Network Optimisation, Ergon Energy, QLD	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Mr Peter Weaver , Manager Service Delivery, Energex, QLD	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Mr Cameron Parrotte , Executive Manager Network Planning and Operations, Western Power, WA	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Mr Steve Capewell , General Manager Operations Services, Water Corporation of WA	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter

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Utility Company	Mr Richard Petterson , Executive Leader Operations and Service Delivery, Urban Utilities, QLD	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Mr Steve Gray , Manager Program and Technical Support, Townsville Water, QLD	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Mr Darren Cleary , Chief Operating Officer, Hunter Water, NSW	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Mr Eric de Rooy , General Manager Service Delivery, Sydney Water	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Mr Andrew McVey , Operations Manager, Shoalhaven Water, NSW	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Mr Peter Skeels , General Manager Operations, Gippsland Water, VIC	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Mr Mark Brownley , General Manager Field Services, SA Power Networks	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Mr David Pengilly , General Manager Network Services, Ausgrid, SA	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Mr Scott Ryan , General Manager Network Operations, Endeavour Energy, NSW	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter
Utility Company	Mr Alistair Parker , General Manager Asset Management, Ausnet, VIC	Not Applicable	No response received to the Defence letter

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EXAMPLE CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS

An example of the letter issued to stakeholders is as follows:

I am writing to you on behalf of The Department of Defence regarding RAAF Base Richmond and the AIR5431 Phase 2 and 3 Defence Air Traffic Management and Control System Facilities Requirements and Australian Defence Force Air Traffic Control Complex Infrastructure Project.

In line with the direction of the National Aviation Policy White Paper, Defence and Airservices will harmonise the military and civil elements of the National Air Traffic Management system as part of a joint project referred to as the Civil and Military air traffic system and branded as 'OneSKY Australia'. This project aligns with the Coalition's *Policy for Aviation*, August 2013, and the guidance from the Australian Civil-Military Air Traffic Management Committee.

The project will deliver new and upgraded facilities to support the ongoing provision of air traffic services within Defence controlled airspace and to support the Defence components of the Onesky Australia Program. The estimated out-turn cost of the project is \$409.9m, excluding Goods and Services Tax. Locations in which facilities and infrastructure works for the project will occur are outlined below:

- RAAF Base Amberley (QLD)
- Army Aviation Centre Oakey (QLD)
- Turkey Hill (QLD)
- RAAF Base Townsville (QLD)
- Many Peaks (QLD)
- HMAS Albatross (NSW)
- Nowra Hill (NSW)
- RAAF Base Richmond (NSW)
- RAAF Base Williamtown (NSW)
- RAAF Base East Sale (VIC)
- Deadmans Hill (VIC)
- RAAF Base Edinburgh (SA)
- RAAF Base Woomera (SA)
- RAAF Base Pearce (WA)
- RAAF Gingin (WA)
- Eclipse Hill (WA)
- RAAF Base Darwin (NT)
- RAAF Base Tindal (NT)

The Statement of Evidence, which provides detailed information on the project, can be downloaded from the PWC website:

http://www.apf.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works

Additionally you can find more information on the project at the following website here:
<http://www.defence.gov.au/id/Air5431/>

Members of my project team will be conducting a Community Consultation event close to RAAF Base Richmond on 7 October 2015. If you would like any additional information or to organise a briefing on the project in your electorate on that afternoon or at parliament house or via phone at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me on the details above or via the following email, ATC.Facilities@defence.gov.au.

Kind Regards,

Wing Commander Rais Khan

Project Director

Capital Facilities & Infrastructure Branch

Defence Support & Reform Group

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NEWSPAPER AND MEDIA ADVERTISEMENTS

The PWC Public Consultation sessions for the Project were advertised in the following newspapers:

Hawkesbury Courier – Thurs, 24 Sep 15 and Thurs, 01 Oct 15
Newcastle Herald – Thurs, 24 Sep 15 and Thurs, 01 Oct 15
Northern Territory News – Thurs, 24 Sep 15 and Thurs, 01 Oct 15
The Toowoomba Chronicle – Thurs, 24 Sep 15 and Thurs, 01 Oct 15
Ipswich Queensland Times – Thurs, 24 Sep 15 and Thurs, 01 Oct 15
Townsville Bulletin – Thurs, 24 Sep 15 and Thurs, 01 Oct 15
Katherine Times – Wed, 7 Oct 15 and Wed, 14 Oct 15
Midland / Kalamunda Reporter – Tues, 29 Sep 15 and Tues, 06 Oct 15

Details of the Project and direction to further information were advertised in the following newspapers:

Adelaide Advertiser – Thurs, 24 Sep 15 and Mon, 26 Oct 15
Sale Gippsland Times – Fri, 25 Sep 15 and Fri, 02 Oct 15
Nowra Shoalhaven News – Fri, 25 Sep 15 and Fri, 02 Oct 15

The following is an example of the newspaper advertisement.



Australian Government

Department of Defence

Notice of Public Information Session

AIR5431 Phase 2 and 3 Defence Air Traffic Management and Control System Facilities Requirements and Australian Defence Force Air Traffic Control Complex Infrastructure Project

The Department of Defence is holding a public information session to outline the proposed new, and upgraded facilities that will support the provision of Air Traffic services by Defence, and seek feedback from the community. This work is subject to Parliamentary approval. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) conducts inquiries into matters referred to it by the House of Representatives or a Minister of the Commonwealth Government.

More information on the Project, the PWC process and how to make submissions can be found at:
www.defence.gov.au/id/Air5431

The facilities and infrastructure works for the project are being delivered nationally and this information session is specifically related to RAAF Base Tindal (NT).

The proposed session is drop-in, and community members are welcome to attend between the published times below.

Community Information Session

When: Tuesday 20 October, 2015

Time: 1700hrs to 1900hrs

Where: Katherine Town Council – Civic Centre, Katherine

For further information on this project contact the project team at
ATC.Facilities@defence.gov.au

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**PUBLIC CONSULTATION SESSIONS FOR THE AIR5431 PHASE 2 AND 3 DEFENCE AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND
CONTROL SYSTEM FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS AND AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
COMPLEX INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

The following details the Public Consultation sessions held for the project. The locations chosen for Public Consultation were those that represent new builds.

BASE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
RAAF Base Townsville	1 October 2015	1700 – 1900 h	Reid Park Pit Complex, Townsville QLD	There were no attendees at the consultation session.
RAAF Base Amberley	6 October 2015	1700 – 1900 h	Metro International Hotel, Ipswich QLD	There were no attendees at the consultation session.
AAC Oakey	7 October 2015	1630 – 1830 h	Oakey Civic Precinct, Oakey QLD	There was one attendee at the consultation session who was a senior representative from a local construction company.
RAAF Base Richmond	7 October 2015	1700 – 1900 h	Richmond Neighbourhood Centre, Richmond NSW	There were two attendees at the consultation session.
RAAF Base Pearce	7 October 2015	1700 – 1900 h	Lowery Park Hall, Bullsbrook WA	There were no attendees at the consultation session.
RAAF Base Darwin	8 October 2015	1630 – 1830 h	Lyons Community Centre, Lyons NT	There were five attendees at the consultation session.
RAAF Base Williamtown	8 October 2015	1700 – 1900 h	Raymond Terrace Library, Raymond Terrace NSW	There were two attendees at the consultation session.
RAAF Base Tindal	20 October 2015	1700 – 1900 h	Katherine Town Council - Civic Centre, Katherine NT	There were six attendees at the consultation session.

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KEY QUESTIONS AND ISSUES RAISED DURING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSIONS

A summary of the key issues and questions that were received during the community consultations, including the Defence responses provided, are indicated in the table below:

ISSUE/QUESTIONS	RESPONSE PROVIDED	COMMUNITY MEMBER
OPERATIONAL		
Will the works close the airport [Darwin]?	No the works do not impact on the general operations of the airport. The new tower will be built in parallel with the old one and transitioned prior to removal of old.	NT Government Department of Transport member
Will the project result in a change in air traffic routes?	The project works does not change the air traffic routes	Member of the Public
Will there be an increase in air traffic?	The proposed project works will not result in an increase in air traffic.	Member of the Public
PROJECT SPECIFIC		
Will the project result in more people coming to the area [Tindal]?	The post construction manning remains the same. During construction there will be an increase in temporary personnel undertaking the construction.	Member of the Public
Where can I find more information?	Details of the project website provided.	Member of the Public
Why are the Air Traffic Control buildings being replaced [Williamstown]?	The existing facilities are aged and have reached the end of their economic life.	Member of the Public
CONSTRUCTION MATTERS		
What opportunities are there to be involved in the construction stage of the project?	Background information was provided to the Managing Contractor form of Contract with details on how the packages of works would be managed.	NT Government Department of the Chief Minister member

ISSUE/QUESTIONS	RESPONSE PROVIDED	COMMUNITY MEMBER
How will the works be delivered and when [Tindal]?	Managing Contractor form of contract that means there will be opportunities for local businesses at each site to tender for works packages through a competitive process. The works are scheduled to commence in 2016.	Member of the Public
Are there any specific requirements to tender for the work?	All tenders will need to ensure they are familiar with and comply with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules and also the Building Code 2013.	Member of the Public
MISCELLANEOUS		
Are they going to replace the houses removed to the south west of the airport [Darwin]?	Not part of this Project (attendee confirmed they did not realise the scope of this Project).	Member of the Public
How many new aircraft will this project bring?	Not part of this Project (attendee confirmed they did not realise the scope of this Project).	Member of the Public
Will the project involve runway extensions or a new parallel runway at RAAF Base Williamtown?	The project works do not include runway extensions or new runway works.	Member of the Public