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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 AIR5428-1 PILOT TRAINING
SYSTEM FACILITIES 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 AIR5428-1 Pilot Training System (PTS) Facilities Project (the Project).

The Project proposes to deliver works at five Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Bases including: RAAF East Sale in Victoria, RAAF Pearce and RAAF Gingin in Western Australia, RAAF Edinburgh in South Australia, and RAAF Williamtown in New South Wales.

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

- ensuring that the Community are informed about the project using effective and proven communication channels; and
- providing opportunities to the Community to raise issues and concerns about the Project that could be addressed by Defence as part of this Project.

Multiple consultation activities were undertaken as follows:

- provision of a project specific website hosted by Defence www.defence.gov.au/id/Air5428;
- a Key Stakeholder Briefing Program with State and Federal members, with individual briefings conducted where requested. Annex A provides details on the members consulted with a short description of the methodology and outcomes;
- a flyer (as detailed at annex B) was mail box dropped to some 7000 properties and main street shops in Sale;
- advertisements about consultation sessions in local newspapers and media as shown at annex C; and
- public information sessions near RAAF East Sale and Pearce outlined in annex D.

Two public information sessions were conducted on 23 and 24 March 2016, with the first session conducted in Sale, Victoria, at the Wellington Entertainment Centre. This session was advertised in the East Gippsland News on 23 March 2016 and online via the PTS Facilities Project website. There were approximately 60 members of the public who attended this information session.

The second public information session was targeted in Western Australia for the residents surrounding RAAF Pearce and RAAF Gingin. This session was held at Lowry Park Hall, Bullsbrook, Western Australia and was advertised in the Midland/Kalamunda Reporter and The Advocate on 22 and 23 March 2016 respectively. Online advertising was also secured on the Echo News website and information was available via the PTS Facilities Project website. There were four attendees at this session.

A table summarising the key issues and concerns is provided at annex D, including how Defence has or proposes to address them. Feedback regarding the Project was positive with strong support from the local community especially in the Sale region, where the majority of the works are planned. Of particular note was the interest from the local industry in terms of local employment opportunities in the Region.

In conclusion, no significant issues have been identified during Defence's community consultation that will impact on the proposed works, and Defence is satisfied that 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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Brigadier

Director General Capital Facilities and Infrastructure

1 April 2016

Annexes:

- A. List of Stakeholders Consulted
- B. Flyer - Letter Box Drop
- C. Newspaper and Media Advertisements
- D. Key Questions and Issues Raised at the Community Consultation Sessions

LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED

| Stakeholder Name | Organisation | Role | Contact Approach | Status |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| RAAF BASE EAST SALE | | | | |
| Elected Representatives | | | | |
| Councillor Darren McCubbin | Wellington Shire Council | Mayor | Invitation for Project Brief | Nil response to date |
| Councillor Bob Wenger | Wellington Shire Council | Deputy Mayor | Invitation for Project Brief | Nil response to date |
| | Wellington Shire Council | Councillors | Invitation for Project Brief | Nil response to date |
| Honorary Tim Bull MP | Victorian Parliament | Member for Gippsland East | Telephone / email | Phone call to staff email and fact sheet Apology as Parliament sitting day – no request for further briefing |
| Mr Danny O'Brien MP | Victorian Parliament | Member for Gippsland South | Telephone / email | Wishes to receive briefing once project commences |
| Honorary Darren Chester MP | Australian Parliament | Member for Gippsland | Telephone / email | Briefed on 23/3/16 |
| Honorary Marise Payne MP | Australian Parliament | Minister for Defence | Telephone / email | Phone call, email and fact sheet Follow up email sent offering opportunity to brief |
| Harriet Shing MLC | Victorian Parliament | Members of Legislative Council for Eastern Victoria | Telephone / email | Email and fact sheet Follow up phone call – MP is considering the offer and will respond at a later date |
| Honorary Edward O'Donohue MLC | Victorian Parliament | Members of Legislative Council for Eastern Victoria | Telephone / email | Phone call, email and fact sheet Email reply requesting to be kept informed as the project progresses |

| Stakeholder Name | Organisation | Role | Contact Approach | Status |
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| Daniel Mulino MLC | Victorian Parliament | Members of Legislative Council for Eastern Victoria | Telephone / email | Email and fact sheet MP will consider offer and respond at a later date |
| Jeff Bourman MLC | Victorian Parliament | Members of Legislative Council for Eastern Victoria | Telephone / email | Phone call, email and fact sheet Request for direct briefing at the Base on a later date |
| Melina Bath MLC | Victorian Parliament | Members of Legislative Council for Eastern Victoria | Telephone / email | Phone call, email and fact sheet Would like to organise a briefing together with Danny O'Brien (above) proposing dates of 27 May, week commencing 30 May or week commencing 13 June – Project Team to contact to liaise and confirm arrangements |
| Indigenous Groups | | | | |
| | Gunaikurnai Land & Western Australians Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC | | Telephone / email | Phone call, email and fact sheet – spoke with Olivia about the project |
| Brian and Lynne Heath | Sale City Church | Senior Pastors | Telephone / email | Phone message – no reply |
| Chris Randell | Catholic College Sale – Our Lady of Sion Campus | Principal | Telephone / email | Phone call – Parent teacher night but likely to send a representative to project information session |
| Cathy Smith | Sale Historical Society | Unknown | Telephone / email | Phone call, email and fact sheet |
| Helen Montague | Wellington Shire Heritage Network | Unknown | Telephone / email | Phone call , called back 22/3/16 to discuss the project |

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| RAAF BASE PEARCE | | | | |
| Elected Representatives | | | | |
| Councillor Mick Wainwright | City of Swan | Mayor | Briefing Invitation | Emailed fact sheet |
| Councillor Kevin Bailey | City of Swan | Councillor – North Western Australian | Briefing Invitation | Emailed fact sheet |
| Mr Mike Foley | City of Swan | CEO | Briefing Invitation | Project Brief offered |
| Mr Francesco (Frank) Angelo Alban MLA | Western Australia State Parliament | Member for SWestern Australian Hill | Telephone / Letter | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Honorary Christian Porter MP | Australian Parliament | Member for Pearce | Telephone / Letter | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Ms Rita Saffioti MLA | Western Australia State Parliament | Member for West SWestern Australian | Telephone / Letter | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Alannah Clohesy | Western Australia State Parliament | Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region | Telephone / Letter | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Donna Faragher | Western Australia State Parliament | Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region | Telephone / Letter | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Alyssa Hayden | Western Australia State Parliament | Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region | Telephone / Letter | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Helen Morton | Western Australia State Parliament | Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region | Telephone / Letter | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Samantha Rowe | Western Australia State Parliament | Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region | Telephone / Letter | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Amber-Jade Sanderson | Western Australia State | Member of the Legislative | Telephone / Letter | Phone call made, followed |

| Stakeholder Name | Organisation | Role | Contact Approach | Status |
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| | Parliament | Council for East Metropolitan Region | | by email letter |
| Indigenous Groups | | | | |
| Whadjuk People | | unknown | | Emailed information through website |
| RAAF BASE GINGIN | | | | |
| Elected Representatives | | | | |
| Councillor Steve Vallance | Shire of Chittering | Shire President | Briefing Invitation | Emailed fact sheet. |
| | Shire of Chittering | Councillors | Briefing Invitation | Emailed fact sheet |
| Councillor David Roe | Shire of Gingin | Shire President | Briefing Invitation | Emailed fact sheet |
| Mr Ronald (Shane) Love MLA | Western Australia State Parliament | Member for Moore | Telephone / Email | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Jim Chown | Western Australia State Parliament | Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region | Telephone / Email | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Martin Aldridge | Western Australia State Parliament | Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region | Telephone / Email | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Paul Brown | Western Australia State Parliament | Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region | Telephone / Email | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Brian Ellis | Western Australia State Parliament | Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region | Telephone / Email | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Rick Mazza | Western Australia State Parliament | Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region | Telephone / Email | Phone call made, followed by email letter |
| Darren West | Western Australia State Parliament | Member of the Legislative Council for East | Telephone / Email | Phone call made, followed by email letter |

| Stakeholder Name | Organisation | Role | Contact Approach | Status |
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| | | Metropolitan Region | | |
| Indigenous Groups | | | | |
| Whadjuk People | | Unknown | Telephone / Email | Emailed project information through website |
| Yued People | | Unknown | Telephone / Email | Emailed information on the project |

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| RAAF BASE EDINBURGH | | | | |
| Elected Representatives | | | | |
| Mayor Gillian Aldridge | City of Salisbury Council | Mayor | Email / letter | Email and Fact Sheet sent 30/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16 |
| Mayor Glenn Docherty | City of Playford | Mayor | Email / letter | Email and Fact Sheet sent 30/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16 |
| Honorary Leesa Vlahos | SA State Parliament | State Member for Taylor | Email / letter | Email and Fact Sheet sent 30/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16 |
| Honorary Mark Butler MP | Australian Parliament | Federal Member for Port Adelaide | Email / letter | Email and Fact Sheet sent 30/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16 |
| Mr Nick Champion MP | Australian Parliament | Federal Member for Wakefield | Email / letter | Email and Fact Sheet sent 30/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16 |
| Indigenous groups | | | | |
| Kuarna Peoples | | Unknown | Email / letter | Email and Fact Sheet sent 31/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16 |
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| Community stakeholders | | | | |
| | Renewal South Australia | Unknown | Newgate | Email and Fact Sheet sent 31/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16 |

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| RAAF BASE WILLIAMTOWN | | | | |
| Elected Representatives | | | | |
| Mayor Bruce MacKenzie | Port Stephens Council | Mayor | Email / letter | Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016 |
| Ms Kate Western Australiashington MP | New South Wales State Parliament | Member for Port Stephens | Email / letter | Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016 |
| Ms Jenny Aitchison MP | New South Wales State Parliament | Member for Maitland | Email / letter | Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016 |
| Mr Tim Crakanthorp MP | New South Wales State Parliament | Member for Newcastle | Email / letter | Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016 |
| Ms Sharon Claydon MP | Australian Parliament | Member for Newcastle | Email / letter | Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016 |
| Honorary Bob Baldwin MP | Australian Parliament | Member for Paterson | Email / letter | Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016 |
| Indigenous Groups | | | | Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016 |
| Andrew Smith | WORIMI Local Aboriginal Land Council | CEO | Email / letter | Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016 |
| Business and Industry | | | | |
| Peter Cock | Newcastle Airport | Chief Executive Officer | Email / letter | Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016 |
| Simon Glover | Mercure Newcastle Airport | Hotel Manager | Email / letter | Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016 |
| Mike Colecliffe | Tiligerry Chamber of Commerce | Unknown | Email / letter | Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016 |

Flyer - Letter Box Drop



Community Information Session

AIR5428 PHASE 1 Pilot Training System Facilities Project

RAAF Base East Sale

17 March 2016

Dear neighbour,

The Department of Defence is writing to inform you that it will be holding a Community Information Session to outline the proposed new and upgraded facilities required to support the modern joint training system being delivered by the AIR5428 Phase 1 Capability Project. These facilities are subject to Parliamentary approval.

The purpose of the drop-in style session is to provide information on what is proposed under the project, including at RAAF Base East Sale, and seek feedback from the community.

Community members are welcome to attend the follow session:

When: Wednesday 23 March 2016

Time: Anytime between 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Where: The Hua Room, Wellington Entertainment Centre, 100 Foster Street, Sale

A brief fact sheet on the project is provided on the back of this letter. You can also find out more by emailing ptsfacilitiesproject@defence.gov.au

We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards

Group Captain Mark McCallum

Air 5428 Phase 1 – Pilot Training System Facilities Project

Community Consultation

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Community members are welcome to attend the follow sessions:

Bullsbrook, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

When: Thursday 24th March, 2016

Time: 1830hrs to 1930hrs

Where: Lowery Park Hall, 6 Eden Drive, Bullsbrook

Sale, VIC

When: Wednesday 23rd March, 2016

Time: 18:30hrs – 19:30hrs

Where: The Hua Room, Wellington Entertainment Centre, 100 Foster Street, Sale

Newspaper Advertisement



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Department of Defence will be holding a Public Information Session for the Pilot Training Systems Facilities Project at RAAF Base East Sale, VIC.

When: Wednesday 23 March 2016.

Time: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Where: The Hua Room, Wellington Entertainment Centre,
100 Foster Street, Sale.

Information and displays outlining the proposed works will be available at the session. Representatives from the Department of Defence will also be available to answer any questions. For further information on the project, to download information or to make a submission, go to www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Key Questions and Issues Raised at the Community Consultation Sessions

| Issues Matrix – RAAF Base East Sale | | |
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| Issues/questions raised that have been addressed during the consultation period | | |
| Issue/question: | Discussed with: | How each issue has been addressed: |
| Opportunities for Business | Community members and local business | Attendees at the community information session were advised in general terms about Defence procurement processes and project timeframes however it was noted that further information would be made available as the procurement process progressed. There was significant interest in a proposed industry briefing session. |
| Construction-related traffic | Council and community members | The proposed traffic management model discussed at the session was seen as broadly positive. The project team also noted that the impact of construction traffic on local roads will be factored into the project planning in order to address strongly held community concerns. |
| Impact on West Sale Airport | Residents and local businesses | ADF representatives at the information session addressed particular issues raised by residents and local businesses, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impact on flying times from increased PTS flying periods; - Potential for upgrades to West Sale airport facilities as part of the project; and - Continuation and potential expansion of some service contracts with small business based at West Sale |
| Aircraft Noise | Residents and local businesses | Inquiries about this issue were discussed at the information session, with the project team noting that the proposed new aircraft are not noisier and that there is no proposed increase in the amount of time each week when flights will be scheduled – but that an increase in the number of flights will occur. The role of flight simulation in the training program was also discussed with attendees. This issue will be further addressed at a proposed |

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| | | consultation process specifically to discuss this issue. |
| Benefits for the community | Community members | The project team and RAAF Base East Sale command noted the community's hope that the benefits of the project will extend beyond local contractors to include benefits for tourism and accommodation providers, housing and increased engagement with the Base. The project team will factor this into the project planning and post project operations. |
| Ongoing engagement and information | Council and community | The information session also included a number of requests for ongoing information about the project as it progresses. A specific request was for advertising and public awareness around a proposed open day at the base. There was also a request for a formal community briefing on the project once it is finally approved. This was noted by the project team and will be part of ongoing project planning. |
| Issues Matrix – RAAF Base Pearce | | |
| Issues/questions raised that have been addressed during the consultation period | | |
| Issue/question: | Discussed with: | How each issue has been addressed: |
| Increase in air traffic | Information session attendee | ADF representatives noted that they do not expect the like for like replacement aircraft to create additional noise. |
| Notification of RAAF projects | Information session attendee | It was explained that Defence projects worth in excess of \$15 million are subject to approval by the Australian Parliament through the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and that the PTS Facilities Project triggered this process. |
| Transition between old and new aircraft | Former RAAF Base Pearce employee | A former RAAF Base Pearce employee attended and was interested in the transition between the old PC-9 and the new PC-21 aircraft. The Defence representatives in attendance explained the technical differences between the two aircraft. |