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The Hon Dr John McVeigh, MP
Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr McVeigh,

DEFENCE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT
NAVAL GUIDED WEAPONS MAINTENANCE FACILITIES PROJECT

1. This letter is to inform the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works of the nature and extent of community consultation undertaken by the Department of Defence as part of the proposed Naval Guided Weapons Maintenance Facilities Project (the Project).
2. This consultation aimed to ensure that the community and other stakeholders were:
 - a. well informed about the project's details through the use of effective and proven communication channels, and
 - b. provided the opportunity to raise any concerns or to seek further information so that, wherever feasible, Defence could address these in its program of works.
3. The stakeholder and community engagement activities listed below were delivered in accordance with the project's community engagement strategy, namely:
 - a. Formal letters offering individual briefings and advising of planned community information sessions were emailed to key stakeholders, including Federal and State Members of Parliament, State Departments and Authorities and Community Groups. An example of the correspondence is at Annex A. A list of stakeholders that received an invitation, and the status of each invitation, are at Annex B.
 - b. Notices for a community information session were published in the Blue Mountain Gazette (Penrith Gazette) on 29 August 2018, and in the Daily Telegraph (Penrith Press) on 28 August 2018. Notices were also posted on the Western Weekend website. An example of the advertisement is at Annex C.
 - c. The community information session was held at the Glenmore Park Shopping Centre, located approximately five (5) kilometres west of Defence Establishment Orchard Hills (DEOH) on 6 September 2018, between 10am and 12pm. Details regarding the level of attendance is at Annex D, and a summary of the key issues and questions raised during the consultation is at Annex E.
 - d. A second community information session is scheduled to take place at St Clair Shopping Centre, located approximately 12 kilometres east of DEOH on 1 November 2018, between 5pm and 7pm. A summary of the displays and printed materials available at these sessions is at Annex F.

4. Overall, information about the Project received a mixed reaction at the Glenmore Park Shopping Centre information session. Those that attended the session were either supportive of the Project or interested in the impact on their nearby properties. Two particular concerns were raised:

- a. There was a concern about the impact the Project will have on community development. This arose from a perception that Defence was disposing of DEOH. Defence's response to this concern is included in Annex E.
 - b. Concerns were also raised regarding possible missile detonation in the proposed facility. This occurred from a misunderstanding regarding to the term 'missile testing'. Defence's response to this concern is also included in Annex E.
5. No issues that would impact the proposed works were identified during Defence's community consultation undertaken to date. Defence is satisfied that it has taken all reasonable steps to inform the community about the Project, and has provided opportunities for the community to raise any concerns and questions.

Yours sincerely



M.J. GALTON, DSC
Brigadier

26 October 2018

Annexes:

- A. Example Correspondence to Key Stakeholders (Invitation Example)
- B. Stakeholder Project Briefings and Follow-up Action
- C. Newspaper Advertisement
- D. Community Information Sessions and Attendance
- E. Summary of Key Issues Raised During Consultation
- F. Community Information Session Display and Printed Materials

**ANNEX A to
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INVITATION EXAMPLE



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Department of Defence



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Address 1
Address 2
Address 3

Dear XX

NAVAL GUIDED WEAPONS MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AT DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT ORCHARD HILLS, NEW SOUTH WALES

On behalf of the Department of Defence, I would like to inform you of works proposed at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills (DEOH) under Project *EST2241-PH1-A Naval Guided Weapons Maintenance Facilities* (NGWMF). These works are subject to Parliamentary approval.

I am writing to you in your capacity as the Member for Lindsay, to offer you a personal briefing on the proposed works within your Electorate.

On 16 August 2018, the Assistant Minister for Finance, Hon David Coleman MP, referred the project to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) for its consideration. The full Statement of Evidence can be viewed on the PWC website:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works/NavalGuidedWeapons/Submissions

The aim of the works is to provide improved support to Australian Defence Force (ADF) capability and operations.

The proposed works will include the construction of an integrated weapons facility, engineering services and internal road upgrades. This project will enable testing, maintenance, operational and training-related requirements to enhance and augment the ADF's existing capability. These proposed works will be wholly situated on Defence managed land. If approved, works will commence in early 2019.

If you or your staff would like to receive a briefing on the proposed works, please contact the Project Officer, Mr Josh Pryor via [REDACTED]

The Department of Defence is holding a public information session on the proposed works at the Glenmore Park Shopping Centre on Thursday 06 September 2018 between 10am and 12pm.

The Department of Defence has been advised that the PWC Public Hearing will most likely be held in the week of 17 September 2018. The PWC Secretariat is yet to confirm the date, time and location of the Public Hearing.

Yours sincerely

PG Sims
Lieutenant Colonel

August 2018

STAKEHOLDER PROJECT BRIEFINGS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE AND NATURE OF CONSULTATION
FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT	Federal Member for Lindsay Ms. Emma Husar, MP	21 August 2018 - Defence e-mailed a letter to Ms Husar MP, providing project information, contact details and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 11 September 2018 - Ms Husar's office declined the invitation for a personal briefing, although would advise if a briefing was subsequently desired.
	State Member for Mulgoa Hon Tanya Davies, MP	14 September 2018 - Defence e-mailed a letter to Ms Davies MP, providing project information, contact details and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 24 September 2018 - Defence delivered a personal briefing to Ms Davies who indicated her support for the proposed works. Ms Davies requested a second community information be held, which is scheduled to take place at St Clair Shopping Centre on 1 November 2018, between 5pm and 7pm.
	State Member for Penrith Hon Stuart Ayres, MP	21 August 2018 - Defence e-mailed a letter to Mr Ayres MP, providing project information, contact details and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 11 September 2018 - Mr Ayres' office declined the invitation for a personal briefing, although would advise if a briefing was subsequently desired.
FEDERAL AND STATE	Western Sydney Airport Mr Paul O'Sullivan	21 August 2018 - Defence e-mailed a letter to Mr O'Sullivan providing project information, contact details and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 22 October 2018 - A briefing is scheduled to take place on 1 November 2018.

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE AND NATURE OF CONSULTATION
GOVERNMENT AND ADVISORY BODIES	<p>Roads and Maritime Services New South Wales</p> <p>Mr David Fishburn Director Sydney Maintenance</p>	<p>21 August 2018 - Defence e-mailed a letter to Mr Fishburn providing project information, contact details and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>29 August 2018 - Defence followed up with a telephone call to confirm interest in a personal briefing or further information. Mr Fishburn requested a briefing, which is scheduled for 1 November 2018.</p>
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	<p>Mayor of Penrith City Council</p> <p>Cr John Thain (Mayor, to 24 September 2018)</p> <p>Cr Ross Fowler (Mayor, from 24 September 2018)</p>	<p>21 August 2018 - Defence e-mailed a letter to <u>Cr Thain</u> providing project information, contact details and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>12 September 2018 - Cr Thain's office declined the invitation for a personal briefing.</p> <p>28 September 2018 - Defence e-mailed a letter to <u>Cr Fowler</u>, as the newly-elected Mayor, providing project information, contact details and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>5 October 2018 - Cr Fowler's office declined the invitation for a personal briefing, although would advise if a briefing was subsequently desired.</p>
LOCAL ORGANISATIONS	<p>Penrith Valley Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Mr Wayne Willmington (President)</p>	<p>21 August 2018 - Defence e-mailed a letter to Mr Willmington providing project information, contact details and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>29 August 2018 - Defence followed-up with a telephone call, during which Mr Willmington confirmed interest in a briefing.</p> <p>22 October 2018 - Defence is scheduled to brief Mr Willmington on 1 November 2018.</p>

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE AND NATURE OF CONSULTATION
	<p>Hawkesbury City Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Ms. Kerry Spindler (President)</p>	<p>21 August 2018 - Defence e-mailed a letter to Ms Spindler providing project information, contact details and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>22 October 2018 - Defence is keeping in regular contact with Ms Spindler's office to determine an available meeting date.</p>
	<p>Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council</p> <p>Mr S. Randall</p>	<p>21 August 2018 - Defence e-mailed a letter to Mr Randall providing project information, contact details and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>22 October 2018 - Defence has made various efforts to contact Mr Randall by email and phone. No response received to date.</p>
	<p>Daru Tribal Aboriginal Corporation</p> <p>Mr J. Reilly</p>	<p>21 August 2018 - Defence e-mailed a letter to Mr Reilly providing project information, contact details and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>22 October 2018 - Defence is keeping in regular contact with Mr Reilly's office to determine an available meeting date.</p>
	<p>Penrith City Council</p> <p>Ms Carmel Hamilton (Sustainability Coordinator)</p> <p>Mr Peter Wood (Development Services Manager)</p>	<p>21 August 2018 - Defence e-mailed a letter to Ms Hamilton providing project information, contact details and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>31 August 2018 - Ms Hamilton forwarded the Defence e-mail to Penrith City Council Development Services Manager, Mr Wood, who telephoned Defence the same day. After receiving an overview of the project over the telephone, and being aware of other public and private briefings, Mr Wood declined a personal briefing, and confirmed via e-mail on 4 September that he does not require a briefing.</p>

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

General Notices



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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION FORUM

The Department of Defence will conduct a community information forum to outline a proposed infrastructure project at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills (DEOH) under Project EST2241-PH1-A Naval Guided Weapons Maintenance Facilities (NGWMF). The project is subject to Parliamentary approval.

The aim of the project is to provide improved operations and training support to the Australian Defence Force.

The proposed project includes the construction of an integrated weapons facility, trunk engineering services and internal road upgrades. This project will deliver a new facility that will enable the testing and maintenance of guided weapons to meet operational and training-related requirements. This proposed project will be situated on Defence managed land. If approved, construction will commence in early 2019.

Information and displays outlining the proposed works will be available at the forum. Representatives from the Department of Defence will be available to answer questions.

Further information is available at

**[www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/
Committees/Joint/Public_Works](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works)**

When: Thursday 6 September 2018

Time: 10am - 12pm

Where: Glenmore Park Shopping Centre, NSW

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS AND ATTENDANCE

1. During community information sessions, members of Defence's Project Team spoke with community and organisational representatives. Materials for viewing included a display of A3 size information storyboards (Annex F) and printed copies of the Statement of Evidence.
2. A total of 14 community members attended the community information session held at Glenmore Park Shopping Centre on Thursday 6 September 2018.

ATTENDEES	ORGANISATION
14	Local Community Members
Total: 14	

3. To accommodate community members who may not have been able to attend the first community information session, Defence has scheduled a second session at the St Clair Shopping Centre on 1 November 2018, between 5pm and 7pm.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES RAISED DURING CONSULTATION

KEY ISSUE/QUESTION	RAISED BY	DEFENCE'S RESPONSE
<i>When is the Public Works Committee (PWC) Hearing scheduled?</i>	Community	Defence informed that there is no official date yet for the PWC, although it is was anticipated to be held in October 2018. Defence proceeded to show the PWC website (on a laptop), including the specific area on the web-site where the PWC Hearing date will be confirmed.
<i>How does someone contact the Base?</i>	Community	Defence informed that attending the front gate of any Defence base is always the best way to contact that base. Upon hearing that community members wanted a phone contact for more immediate issues, Defence notified that it would identify the best point of contact, and then formally responded to the community member.
<i>Why is there missile testing in proximity to residence?</i>	Community	<p>Defence informed that it will not be detonating any missiles and that the proposed facility would be undertaking non-destructive diagnostic testing of missiles, which will allow for re-certification of the missiles to ensure they are safe and fit for purpose.</p> <p>Defence informed that the proposed facility's design has considered explosive ordnance safe-guarding arcs, and that there are strict operational procedures for staff working with the guided weapons to enhance the safety of the proposed facility and personnel inside and outside of the facility.</p>
<i>Why has there not been more information about this community briefing?</i>	Community	Defence acknowledged the concern, and advised that the community information session had been advertised in the <i>Blue Mountains Gazette (Penrith Gazette)</i> print edition on 29 August 2018 and the <i>Daily Telegraph (Penrith Pass)</i> on 28 August 2018.

KEY ISSUE/QUESTION	RAISED BY	DEFENCE'S RESPONSE
<i>What level of consultation has Defence had with the State Government regarding the Metropolis and what is the impact on buying property?</i>	Community	Defence informed that it intends to brief State Government local members as part of the PWC process. Defence reiterated that the proposed facility will be built within existing Commonwealth-owned land and that it will not be acquiring land outside its boundary.
<i>What impacts with the project have on community (land) development?</i>	Community	Defence informed that the proposed facility will be built within existing Commonwealth-owned land and that it will not be acquiring land outside its existing boundary.
<i>Will the missiles be entering the road via road access?</i>	Community	Defence informed that the missiles already enter the Base via road access, and that no change is planned under this proposal.
<i>What will happen to the detonation of old ammunition?</i>	Community	Defence confirmed that the project does not include the detonation of old ammunition.
<i>Who moves the weapons?</i>	Community	Defence informed that the weapons are transported by Defence staff and Defence contractors, including staff who undertake missile maintenance.
<i>Will it be a missile storage facility?</i>	Community	Defence informed that that the proposed facility will be a missile maintenance facility, and not a facility for the storage of missiles.
<i>What are the effects on the flight path?</i>	Community	<p>Defence informed that in siting the proposed facility, it had consulted with aviation authorities and considered flying zones resulting from the new Western Sydney Airport.</p> <p>The explosive ordnance safe-guarding arcs for the project do not conflict with the proposed flying zone for the Western Sydney Airport. Defence will continue to be in communication with Government and Airport on this topic to stay informed on any potential future changes to flight paths.</p>

KEY ISSUE/QUESTION	RAISED BY	DEFENCE'S RESPONSE
<i>Will the facility only be used for (missile) testing?</i>	Community	Defence provided an over-view of the missile maintenance process. Defence advised that the proposed facility included office and administrative space, and that no other activities would be undertaken in the proposed facility.
<i>Will the proposed project affect the existing buffer around the Base?</i>	Community	Defence informed that the proposed facility complies with explosive ordnance safe-guarding arcs, and has been designed in such a way that the building will not affect the existing buffer around DEOH. Defence reiterated that safety is paramount, and that the facilities on the Base are to be safe from existing facilities on the Base, and vice-versa.
<i>What will happen to the issue of kangaroos?</i>	Community	Defence advised that the kangaroos are considered within the overall environmental management of the Base. Regular surveys are undertaken, and culling activities may also be undertaken with the approval of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.
<i>Will the proposed facility be safe for residents surrounding the Base?</i>	Community	Defence informed that the facility will be safe for the local community surrounding the Base. Defence further informed that the proposed facility's design considered explosive ordnance safe-guarding arcs, and that there are strict operational procedures for staff undertaking the missile maintenance to enhance the safety of personnel inside and outside the proposed facility.
<i>What is happening at the back of the proposed facility?</i>	Community	Defence informed that it was not aware of further development behind the proposed facility.

KEY ISSUE/QUESTION	RAISED BY	DEFENCE'S RESPONSE
<i>Has housing density been considered?</i>	Community	<p>Defence reiterated that the proposed facility will be built on existing Commonwealth-owned land, and that the proposed facility will not contribute to housing density issues in the area.</p> <p>Defence referred the individual to the Penrith City Council, which is responsible for local planning and issues relating to housing density outside of the Base.</p>

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION DISPLAY AND PRINTED MATERIALS







