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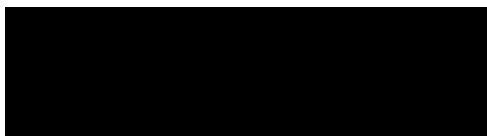
Dear Mr Zappia

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT 9 MOLONGLO DRIVE PROJECT

1. The 9 Molonglo Drive Project (the Project) was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on 3 November 2025. The Project proposes to deliver facilities at the Brindabella Business Park Precinct at Canberra Airport in the Australian Capital Territory.
2. This letter is to inform the Committee of the nature and extent of community consultation that has been undertaken by the Department of Defence (Defence) for these proposed works. The aim of the consultation is to ensure local communities and other stakeholders are:
 - a. well informed about Project details through effective and proven communication channels; and
 - b. provided the opportunity to raise any concerns or issues, or to seek further information so that, wherever feasible, Defence could address these in its proposed works.
3. The following stakeholder and community consultation activities were delivered in accordance with the Project's comprehensive community engagement strategy:
 - a. Conducted a letterbox drop on 27 November 2025 to surrounding community and businesses to invite interested parties to a community information session. The letterbox brochure is shown at **Annex A**.
 - b. Advertised a community information session in local newspapers in the Canberra region, and established a Project email address to receive submissions and questions about the Project. These details are included in the example advertisement shown at **Annex B**.

- c. Conducted a community information session in Canberra on 11 December 2025. The type of information Defence presented to the public is shown at **Annex C**, and the level of attendance is provided at **Annex D**. A summary of topics and key issues raised during the community information session is provided at **Annex E**.
 - d. Invited key stakeholders, including Federal, State and Local Members of Government to receive a personal briefing about the Project. An example of the invitation that was sent out is at **Annex F**, and a list of all stakeholders engaged, including the status of each engagement, is provided at **Annex G**.
 - e. Created a Project page on the Defence external website with details about the Project. The website is shown at **Annex H**.
4. Information about the proposed works was generally well received at the community information session and feedback to date has been supportive. Defence has not been made aware of any objections to the proposed works.
5. Comments raised by members of the community focused on which parts of the Defence organisation would occupy the building.
6. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works' webpage did not receive any public submissions by the closing date of 15 December 2025. Consultation activities have concluded. Defence will provide a briefing to Federal, State and Local Members of Government contacted during the consultation should they request one.

Yours sincerely,



Mathew Quinn
Brigadier
Director General Capital Facilities and Infrastructure

01 February 2026

Annexes:

- A. Letterbox Brochure and Distribution Area
- B. Newspaper Advertisements
- C. Examples of Community Information Session Resources (Information Boards)
- D. Community Information Session Attendance and Summary
- E. Summary of Topics and Key Issues Raised during the Community Information Session
- F. Example of Letter of Invitation to Key Stakeholders
- G. Status of Key Stakeholder Communications
- H. Project Webpage and Analytics Report

LETTERBOX BROCHURE

The local communities and stakeholders were notified of the community information session for the Project via a letterbox drop to targeted areas within a 1km radius of 9 Molonglo.


Notice of Public Information Forum

Facilities to accommodate Defence personnel at 9 Molonglo Drive, Brindabella Business Park.

The Department of Defence is holding a public information forum to provide information regarding a proposed office fit-out project at 9 Molonglo Drive, Brindabella Business Park, ACT. The proposed fit-out project is currently under Parliamentary inquiry, and open for public submission, via the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works website www.sph.gov.au/pwc

The proposed works involve the internal fit-out of the new office building that includes the following:

- Approximately 1,475 workstations in open plan configuration;
- Collaboration Spaces and Meeting Rooms; and
- Offices for Senior Executive staff.




To find out more, you are invited to attend the following public information forum:

Date	Time	Location
11 December 2025	11:00am – 1:00pm (AEST)	Ground Floor Foyer, 18-20 Brindabella Circuit, Brindabella Business Park Canberra Airport.

Facilities to accommodate Brindabella Park Defence staff

The aim of the 9 Molonglo Drive Project is to provide safe, secure and fit for purpose office accommodation for Department of Defence (Defence) personnel, with an estimated 1,475 work points.

Defence, together with the Head Contractor, will promote opportunities for local small and medium enterprises through the construction trade packages, providing employment opportunities in the Canberra region. There will also be opportunities for Indigenous business involvement in accordance with Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy.




Find out more

Defence is committed to providing the community with accessible information about the Project and the opportunity to provide feedback.

Defence recognises the importance of consulting with local residents, statutory authorities and other interested stakeholders. If you are unable to attend the session, additional information on the project is available at: www.defence.gov.au/about/locations-property/infrastructure-projects, or by contacting the Project Team via email at 9Molonglo@psconsulting.com.

Proposed timeline of works

Subject to Parliamentary approval, works are proposed to commence in mid-2026 and are expected to be completed by late-2027.



The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works is undertaking an inquiry into the project and accepting submissions from the public via their website www.sph.gov.au/pwc.

Number of notifications distributed

Location	Distributed Numbers
Pialligo	40

Annex B

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

Location	Publication	Dates Published
Canberra Region	Canberra Times	27 November 2025 29 November 2025 4 December 2025
	Canberra Chronicle	2 December 2025 9 December 2025
Queanbeyan Region	Queanbeyan Age	2 December 2025 9 December 2025



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Representatives from the Department of Defence will be available at the session to answer any questions.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works is undertaking an inquiry into the project and accepting submissions from the public via their website: www.apw.gov.au/pwc

If you would like more information on this Project, please visit <https://www.defence.gov.au/about/locations-property/infrastructure-projects>

Alternatively, you can contact the Project Team via email at: 9Molonglo@rpsconsulting.com

Advertisement as released in Queanbeyan Age and Canberra Chronicle



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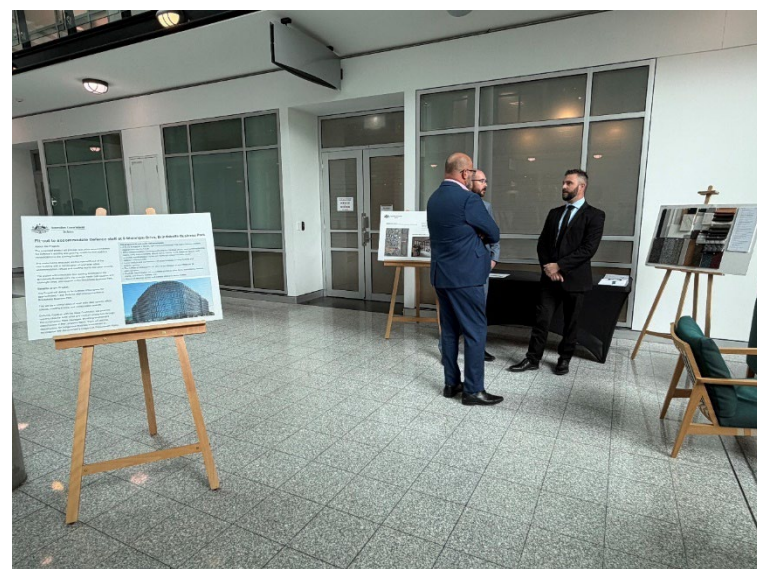
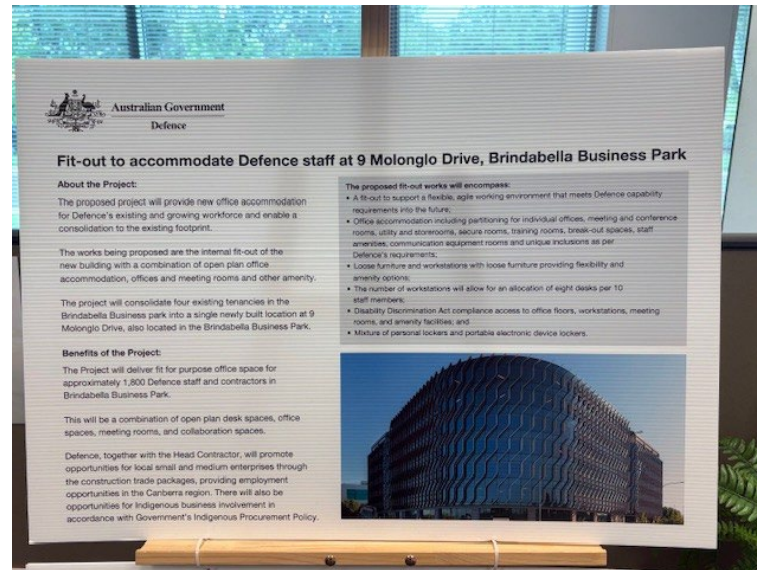
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Advertisement as released in The Canberra Times

EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION RESOURCES (INFORMATION BOARDS)



**COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION
ATTENDANCE AND SUMMARY**

Details

- 18-20 Brindabella Circuit, Brindabella Business Park, Canberra Airport
- 11 December, 11:00am-1:00pm

Resources

- Materials on display included the information boards shown at **Annex C**
- Defence consultation team in attendance included members from:
 - Defence's Project Delivery Team
 - Consultant Project Management Team

Attendance

Number of attendees	Interest Group
5	Defence personnel
Total: 5	

Key points raised:

- Which Defence teams will occupy the building

Several people showed interest and stopped to read the information boards but did not ask any questions.

No members of the general public attended.

Annex E

SUMMARY OF TOPICS AND KEY ISSUES RAISED DURING CONSULTATION

TOPIC	RAISED BY	DEFENCE RESPONSE
Which Defence teams will occupy the building?	Defence Personnel	Occupation of the building will be determined following finalisation of strategic reviews of organisational structures.

EXAMPLE OF LETTER OF INVITATION TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Provided below is an example invitation to key stakeholders for personal briefings. Invitations were sent to the Federal and State Members in Canberra. A summary of Key Stakeholder briefings is provided in **Annex F**.

<div data-bbox="231 526 300 577"></div> <div data-bbox="301 535 440 589"><p>Australian Government Department of Defence Security and Estate Group</p></div> <div data-bbox="617 535 738 573"><p>Adrian Kovacs Assistant Secretary Property Management Branch</p></div> <div data-bbox="231 651 450 741"><p>[Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]</p></div> <div data-bbox="237 734 347 752"><p>Canberra ACT 2601</p></div> <div data-bbox="237 779 277 795"><p>Dear [Redacted]</p></div> <div data-bbox="237 806 577 824"><p>9 MOLONGLO DRIVE, BRINDABELLA BUSINESS PARK</p></div> <div data-bbox="237 835 713 896"><p>I am writing to you as ACT Member for Kurrajong to inform you of proposed works by the Department of Defence (Defence) in your Electorate, being an office accommodation fit-out project at 9 Molonglo Drive, Brindabella Business Park, Canberra Airport, ACT (9 Molonglo Drive).</p></div> <div data-bbox="237 907 713 954"><p>Lease Endorsement for 9 Molonglo Drive was provided by the Minister of Finance, the Hon Katy Gallagher, on Thursday 14 November 2024. Defence subsequently entered into an Agreement for Lease with Capital Airport Group Pty Ltd on Thursday 5 December 2024.</p></div> <div data-bbox="237 965 707 1025"><p>The proposed fit-out project is to provide safe, secure and fit for purpose office accommodation for Defence personnel. The project will provide approximately 1,475 work points and enable the consolidation out of four older leased buildings. The proposed fit-out works will be undertaken within Defence's leased premises.</p></div> <div data-bbox="237 1037 707 1081"><p>Similar to other major Defence projects, the proposed fit-out project will generate employment opportunities in the construction sector and related support sectors in the local area.</p></div> <div data-bbox="237 1093 713 1153"><p>The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) is undertaking an inquiry into the project and accepting submissions via their website www.apw.gov.au/pwc. Defence was advised that a public hearing is likely to be held in early 2026, with a specific time and location yet to be confirmed.</p></div> <div data-bbox="450 1288 507 1303"><p>Page 1 of 2</p></div>	<div data-bbox="866 537 1334 571"><p>Defence is holding a public information forum on the works proposed at 9 Molonglo Drive. Details are:</p></div> <div data-bbox="884 573 1177 633"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11 December 2025, 11:00am to 1:00pm (AEST) Ground Floor Foyer, 18-20 Brindabella Circuit, Brindabella Business Park Canberra Airport.</div> <div data-bbox="866 636 1337 683"><p>I also offer you and your staff the opportunity for a personal briefing on the proposed works. If you would like a personal briefing, please respond via email to seget.pmasoffice@defence.gov.au.</p></div> <div data-bbox="866 692 952 705"><p>Yours sincerely,</p></div> <div data-bbox="852 703 1114 763"><p>[Redacted Signature]</p></div> <div data-bbox="866 757 984 797"><p>ADRIAN KOVACS Assistant Secretary Property Management</p></div> <div data-bbox="866 808 968 826"><p>21 November 2025</p></div> <div data-bbox="1078 1301 1128 1314"><p>Page 2 of 2</p></div> <div data-bbox="1228 1292 1383 1305"><p>Defending Australia and its National Interests</p></div>
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STATUS OF KEY STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	NOTES
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	
Ms Alicia Payne MP Federal Member for Canberra	21 November 2025 - Defence emailed a letter to Ms Alicia Payne providing project information, contact details, a link to the project website and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
STATE/TERRITORY GOVERNMENT	
Mr Andrew Barr ACT Member for Kurrajong	21 November 2025 - Defence emailed a letter to Mr Andrew Barr providing project information, contact details, a link to the project website and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 2 December 2025 - Defence received a response from Mr Barr's office passing thanks for the information and confirming that a briefing is not required.
Mr Thomas Emerson ACT Member for Kurrajong	21 November 2025 - Defence emailed a letter to Mr Thomas Emerson providing project information, contact details, a link to the project website and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 24 November 2025 - Defence received a response from Mr Emerson's office passing thanks for the information and advised they will reach out should they have any further questions or require a briefing.
Ms Elizabeth Lee ACT Member for Kurrajong	21 November 2025 - Defence emailed a letter to Ms Elizabeth Lee providing project information, contact details, a link to the project website and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
Mr Shane Rattenbury ACT Member for Kurrajong	21 November 2025 - Defence emailed a letter to Mr Shane Rattenbury providing project information, contact details, a link to the project website and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith ACT Member for Kurrajong	21 November 2025 - Defence emailed a letter to Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith providing project information, contact details, a link to the project website and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Cr Kenrick Winchester Mayor of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council	21 November 2025 - Defence emailed a letter to Cr Kenrick Winchester providing project information, contact details, a link to the project website and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 3 December 2025 - Defence received an email response from Cr Winchester advising that the proposal is not within their Local Government Area.

COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS GROUPS	
Canberra Airport Group	25 November 2025 - Canberra Airport released communications to their Brindabella Business Park tenants via 'Airport Talk' providing information regarding the project and the public information forum. No queries have been received by Canberra Airport on behalf of their tenants.
Civil Aviation Safety Authority	<p>26 November 2025 – The project team emailed Ms Pip Spence PSM, CEO and Director of Aviation Safety, providing project information, contact details, a link to the project website and an invitation to attend the Public Information Forum on 11 December 2025.</p> <p>5 December 2025 - The project team issued an email reminder to Ms Spence.</p> <p>5 December 2025 - The project team received a response confirming that CASA have no issues with the proposed works.</p>
Air Services Australia	<p>26 November 2025 - The project team contacted Air Services Australia via online portal, providing project information, contact details, a link to the project website and an invitation to attend the Public Information Forum on 11 December 2025.</p> <p>12 December 2025 - The project team contacted Air Services Australia via online portal, providing project information, contact details and invitation to contact should they have any questions on the project.</p>
Pialligo Landowners & Businesses	<p>A Letterbox drop was conducted on 27 November 2025 to the following businesses and addresses that are within a 1km radius of 9 Molonglo.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodney's Plants Plus • Spit Shack • Able Landscaping • Bruce Works Lifecycle • Pialligo Harvest • Pialligo Estate • Beltana Farm • The Old Barn Gallery • Living Simply • Stonehenge Beltana • Tulips Café • Bliss Garden and Gifts • Outdoor Pialligo • Elluca • Bison • Jayz Dance Company • Corporate Air • Amey Bros • 16, 17, 18, 18A, 19, 20, 20B Kallaroo Road, Pialligo ACT • 5a, 5b, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14A, 15, 16, 16A, 18, 20, 23 Beltana Road Pialligo ACT

PROJECT WEBPAGE AND ANALYTICS REPORTS



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Fit-out of office at 9 Molonglo Drive Project

Overview

The 9 Molonglo Drive Project, at Brindabella Business Park in Canberra, will provide safe, secure and fit for purpose office accommodation, with an estimated 1,475 work points for Defence personnel.

Defence, together with the Head Contractor, will promote opportunities for local small and medium enterprises through the construction trade packages. This will provide employment opportunities in the Canberra region. There will also be opportunities for Indigenous business involvement in accordance with the Australian Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy.

Community information

Defence remains committed to providing the community with clear, accessible, and transparent information regarding the project, while ensuring meaningful opportunities for public feedback and engagement.

Defence recognises the importance of consulting with local residents, statutory authorities, and other interested stakeholders on the project.

Defence is holding a public information forum to outline the upcoming proposed office fit-out works.

Forum

The public forum details are as follows:

11 December 2025

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Ground Floor Foyer, 18-20 Brindabella Circuit
Brindabella Business Park
Canberra ACT 2609.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) invites interested persons and organisations to make online submissions in relation to the proposal via their [submissions page](#), by Monday 15 December 2025.

Project details

The project will consolidate 4 existing leased tenancies in the Brindabella Business Park into a single newly built tenancy at 9 Molonglo Drive, Brindabella Business Park.



The proposed fit-out works will encompass:

- A fit-out to support a flexible, agile working environment that meets Defence capability requirements into the future.
- Inclusions to meet Defence requirements, including:
 - Office accommodation
 - individual partitioned offices
 - meeting and conference rooms
 - utility and storerooms
 - secure rooms
 - training rooms
 - break-out spaces
 - staff amenities
 - communication equipment rooms.
- Loose furniture and workstations providing flexibility and amenity options, applying the Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy where appropriate.
- A range of physical security zones to accommodate Defence requirements.
- Compliance to Disability Discrimination Act and Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy
- The provision of personal lockers and portable electronic device lockers.

Timeframe

Subject to approval, the following project construction dates are anticipated:

- Commencement: mid-2026
- Completion: late-2027.

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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

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throughout Australia

