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Mr Graham Perrett MP

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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Perrett,

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT
DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP FISHERMANS BEND
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, PORT MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

1. The Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) Fishermans Bend Redevelopment Project (the Project) was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on 20 June 2023. The Project proposes to deliver new and upgraded facilities and infrastructure at DSTG Fishermans Bend in Victoria.

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 on the Project. The aim of the consultation is to ensure local communities and other stakeholders are:

- a. well informed about the Project details through effective and proven communication channels; and
- b. provided the opportunity to raise any concerns or to seek further information so that, wherever feasible, Defence can address these within the Project.

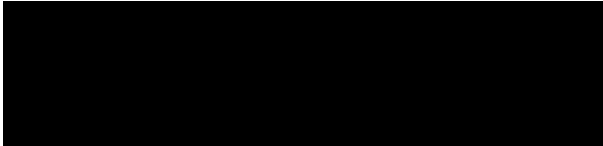
3. The following stakeholder and community consultation activities have been delivered in accordance with the Project's comprehensive community engagement strategy:

- a. Advertising the details of the community information session in newspapers and neighbourhood letterbox drops. The advertisements included a Project email address to receive submissions and questions about the Project. These details are provided in the example of an advertisement and letterbox drop at **Annex A**.
- b. Conducting one community information session in Port Melbourne on 15 June 2023. The type of information presented at the session is at **Annex B**, and the level of attendance at the session is at **Annex C**.

4. Inviting key stakeholders, including Federal, State and Local Members, and local community and business groups, to receive a personal briefing about the Project. An example of the invitation sent to stakeholders is at **Annex D**, and a list of all stakeholders engaged by the Project and the status of engagement is at **Annex E**. Defence has not been made aware of any objections to the proposed works.

5. Consultation activities are continuing, with the potential for Defence to provide further private briefings. The outcomes of these ongoing activities will be provided at the upcoming Hearing.

Yours sincerely,



RM Tilley
Air Commodore
Director General Capital Facilities and Infrastructure

31 July 2023

Annexes:

- A. Newspaper Advertisements and Neighbourhood Letterbox Drops
- B. Community Information Session Resources (Leaflet and Information Boards)
- C. Community Information Session Attendance and Summary
- D. Example of Letter of Invitation to Key Stakeholders
- E. Status of Key Stakeholder Communications

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

The community information session was advertised in the Dockland Local News and The Herald Sun.

Location	Media Outlet	Delivery Area	Date Published
DSTG Fishermans Bend	Dockland Local News	Docklands and surrounding area	Thursday 8 June 2023
DSTG Fishermans Bend	Herald Sun	Victoria	Saturday 3 June 2023 Saturday 10 June 2023

EXAMPLE OF NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT (Dockland Local News, 8 June 2023)

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED WORKS
Defence Science and Technology (DSTG)
Fishermans Bend Redevelopment Project

The Department of Defence is proposing to progress works at DSTG Fishermans Bend, Victoria. These works are subject to Parliamentary approval.

The purpose of the project is to address existing facilities and engineering services infrastructure that are aged and approaching the end of useful life. The proposed works include new and upgraded engineering services infrastructure, refurbished office accommodation and an upgraded base entry precinct.

The Department of Defence is offering the community the opportunity to attend information sessions about the proposed works with representatives from the Department of Defence available to answer questions.

Community Information Session Details
When: Thursday 15th June 2023
Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Location: Port Melbourne Town Hall - Council Chamber
333 Bay Street, Port Melbourne VIC 3207
(Access via Port Melbourne Library – Spring St Entrance)

If you are unable to attend the information sessions, you can email questions to
DSTGFishermansBendRedevelopment@app.com.au
*email account active until 20th June 2023

NEIGHBOURHOOD LETTERBOX DROPS

Letterbox drops advising of the Community Consultation Session were distributed to local neighbouring businesses and academic institutions.

Distribution Zone of Letterbox Drops



Example of a Letterbox drop



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To Whom It May Concern,

**DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP (DSTG) FISHERMANS BEND
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT DSTG FISHERMANS BEND, PORT
MELBOURNE, VICTORIA**

1. The Department of Defence is proposing to progress works at DSTG Fishermans Bend, Port Melbourne, Victoria. These works are subject to Parliamentary approval.
2. The purpose of the project is to address existing facilities and infrastructure that are aged, non-compliant and approaching the end of useful life. The proposed works include new and upgraded engineering services infrastructure and upgrade of the base entry precinct to address safety and security compliance requirements.
3. The works will be delivered within Commonwealth owned and Defence managed land. Subject to Parliamentary approval, it is anticipated that the works will be delivered from 2024 to 2026.
4. The Department of Defence is offering the community the opportunity to attend information sessions about the proposed works with representatives from the Department of Defence who are available to answer questions.

Public Information Session Details

Date: 15 June 2023
Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Location: Port Melbourne Town Hall - Council Chamber
333 Bay Street, Port Melbourne VIC 3207
(Access via Port Melbourne Library – Spring St Entrance)

5. If you are unable to attend the information session, you can email questions to DSTGFishermansBendRedevelopment@app.com.au (email account active until 20 June 2023)

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Andrew Elgey
Lieutenant Colonel

9 June 2023

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION LEAFLET



DSTG Fishermans Bend Redevelopment

The DSTG Fishermans Bend Redevelopment project aims to deliver fit for purpose infrastructure and facilities at Defence Science and Technology Group - Fishermans Bend, to sustain operations of DSTG.

DSTG is Defence's lead agency dedicated to providing science and technology support to protect and defend Australia and its national interests.

The proposed works will include:

- Upgraded base entry precinct
- Essential engineering upgrades to base wide electrical, water, stormwater, sewer, gas and compressed air infrastructure.

Where can I make a comment or ask questions?

If you have a comment or question today, please feel free to approach the project's representatives at this forum.

The Community Consultation period will remain open to 26 June 2023.

If you have any further comments or questions during this period, please contact the project team at: dstgfishermansbendredemption@app.com.au

The proposed project is anticipated to be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works between 19 and 22 June 2023.

The public will be able to access further information on the project, and make a submission following referral at the Current Inquiries page:
https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/public_works

Subject to referral, the committee's Inquiry into the project generally involves a public hearing.

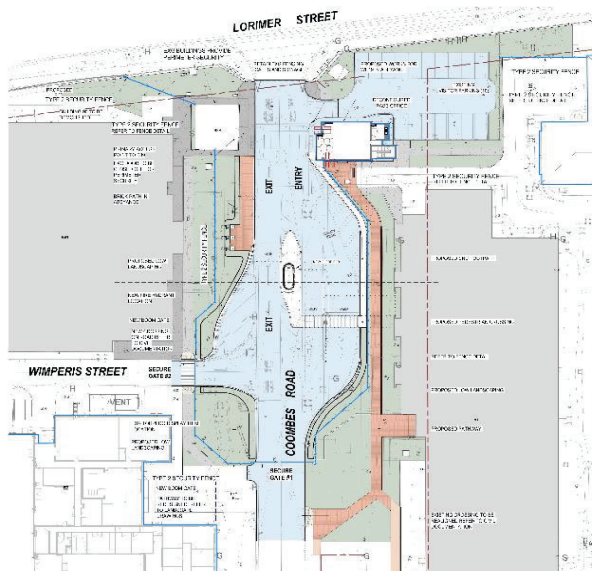
The location, date, and time of the hearing will be confirmed following referral on the Upcoming Public Hearings page:
https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Upcoming_Public_Hearings



COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION - INFORMATION BOARDS



Project Element 1 – Entry Precinct



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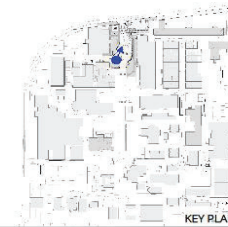
Project Element 1 – Entry Precinct

Perspective from Building 39 looking towards the Guard Box



Project Element 1 – Entry Precinct

Perspective from Building 2 looking towards the Guard Box



COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION - INFORMATION BOARDS

Project Element 1 – Entry Precinct - Building 17 Guard Hut

Reception area reconfiguration to include automated security screening speed gates.



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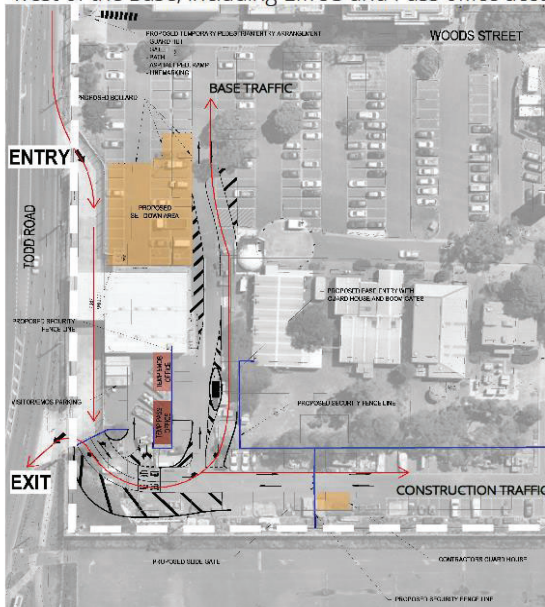
Office area reconfiguration, including upgrade of guard amenity areas (not shown).



COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION - INFORMATION BOARDS

Temporary Site Entrance

Temporary vehicle, pedestrian and construction entry arrangements to the south west of the Base, including EMOS and Pass office accommodation and Guard box.



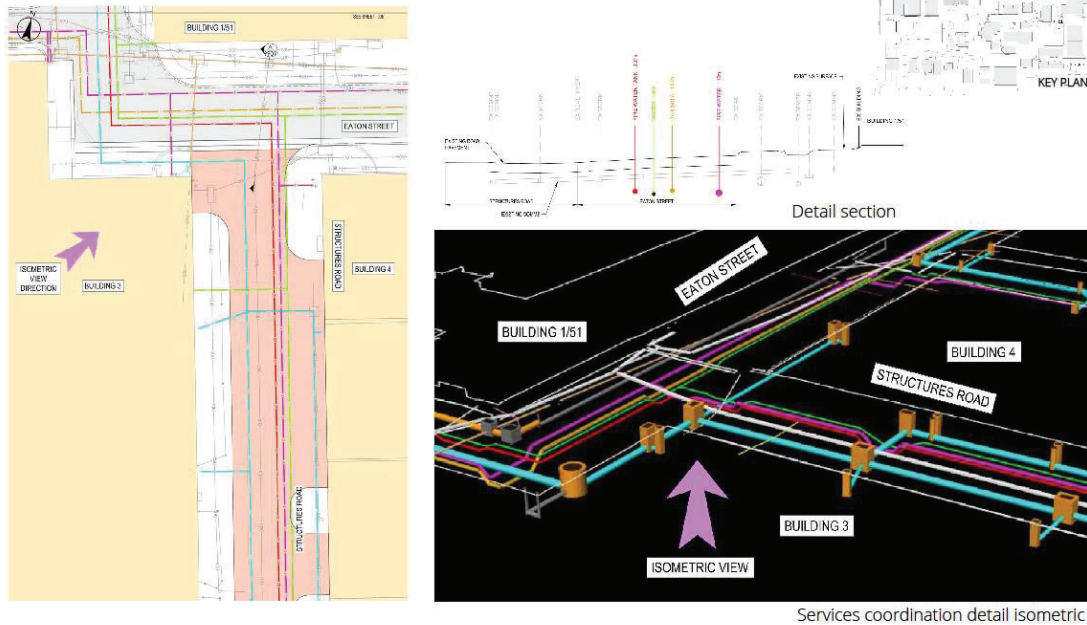
Project Elements 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 - Services Upgrades

Site wide upgrades to essential infrastructure to support Base sustainability.



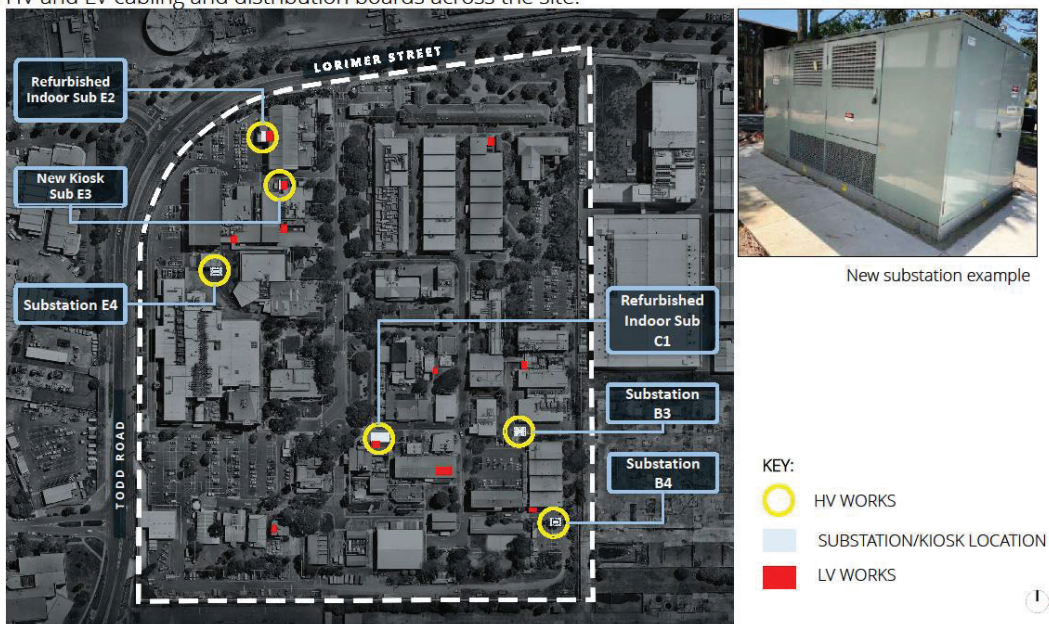
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Project Elements 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 - Services Upgrades Structures Road example area.



Project Element 2 – Electrical Infrastructure

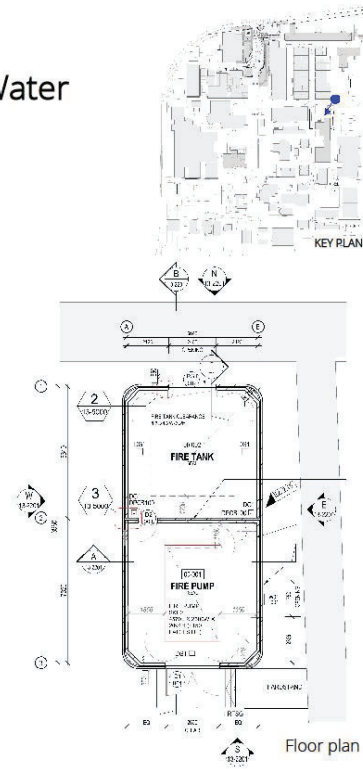
New substation installations and upgrades of existing substations, including replacement of areas of HV and LV cabling and distribution boards across the site.



ANNEX B

Project Element 3 – Potable & Fire Fighting Water Infrastructure

New fire pump and tank building, as part of new potable and fire reticulation to the site.



ANNEX C

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION ATTENDANCE AND SUMMARY

Defence conducted one community information session to publicly outline the scope of works being proposed under the Project. The session provided attendees with Project-related information and enabled one-on-one discussions with Defence representatives.

Materials on display included:

- Project leaflets (handouts);
- A3 information boards displayed on easels as shown at Annex B; and
- A slideshow displayed on a monitor showing summary of the contents of the information boards, project scope and details of further information available via PWC website and the Project's community consultation group email address.

Date and Time	Venue	Number of Attendees
15 June 2023 18:00 to 19:30	Port Melbourne Town Hall, Councillors Chambers	0

EXAMPLE OF A LETTER OF INVITATION TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS



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Mr Josh Burns MP
Federal Member for MacNamara
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Dear Minister,

DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP (DSTG) FISHERMANS BEND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT FISHERMANS BEND, PORT MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

1. On behalf of the Department of Defence, I would like to offer you a personal briefing of the Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) Redevelopment project at DSTG Fishermans Bend, Port Melbourne, Victoria. These works are subject to Parliamentary approval.
2. The purpose of the project is to address existing facilities and infrastructure that are aged, non-compliant and approaching the end of useful life. The proposed works include new and upgraded engineering services infrastructure and upgraded base entry precinct to address safety and security compliance requirements. The works will be delivered within Commonwealth owned and Defence managed land.
3. The project was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration on 20 June 2023. Details of the project are provided on the PWC website: https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works
4. Subject to Parliamentary approval, it is anticipated that the works will be delivered from 2024 to 2026.
5. Defence anticipates that this project will promote opportunities for small and medium enterprises through construction trade packages, providing employment opportunities in the Victorian region.

ANNEX D

6. If you or your staff would like to accept this invitation for a personal briefing on the project, please contact the Project Manager Contract Administrator representative, Mr Brad Wickham via email at DSTGFishermansBendRedevelopment@app.com.au by no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday 27 June 2023.

Yours faithfully,



Andrew Elgey
Lieutenant Colonel
Project Director Capital Facilities and Infrastructure

22 June 2023

STATUS OF KEY STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

Stakeholder	Organisation and Member	Notes
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	Mr Josh Burns MP, Federal Member for Macnamara	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
		6 July 2023 – Written brief provided to Mr Burns’ office. There were no issues raised or further requests.
		24 July 2023 – The office of the Member for Macnamara has confirmed that the written brief provided was sufficient and there was no further requirement for a personal briefing.
STATE GOVERNMENT	Ms Nina Taylor MP, State Member for Albert Park	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
	Mr Ryan Batchelor MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
	Mr John Berger MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
	Ms Katherine Copsey MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
	Ms Georgie Crozier MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
	Mr David Davis MP, State Member for Southern Metropolitan	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.

Stakeholder	Organisation and Member	Notes
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	Rt Hon Sally Capp, Lord Mayor Melbourne City Council	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
BUSINESS GROUPS	Citipower	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 7 July 2023 – Defence briefed Citipower representatives. There were no issues raised at the briefing.
	South East Water	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 5 July 2023 – Defence briefed South East Water representatives. There were no issues raised at the briefing.
	Multinet	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
	Fire Rescue Victoria	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 27 June 2023 – Fire Rescue Victoria advised no briefing was necessary as they were engaged with the project for necessary reviews and approvals.
	Department of Transport and Planning	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 12 July 2023 – Defence briefed VicRoads representatives. There were no issues raised at the briefing.

ANNEX E

Stakeholder	Organisation and Member	Notes
	Industry Capability Network (Victoria)	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
	Business Victoria (Aboriginal Business Directory)	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
	Mr Jason King, Chief Executive Officer, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 26 June 2023 – Mr King accepted Defence’s invitation and a briefing date is to be confirmed by Mr King. 24 July 2023 – Defence followed up via a phone call and email to Mr King and has not yet received a response.
	Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry	23 June 2023 – Defence emailed a letter providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.