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Committee Secretary
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
PO Box 6021
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Re: Air 6000 Phase 2A/B New Air Combat Capability Facilities

Dear Secretary,

As the Federal Member for Paterson I have a keen interest ensuring the best interest of all my constituents are considered hand in hand with the public works proposed at the RAAF Base at Williamtown which is required for the Air 6000 Phase 2A/B New Air Combat Capability Facilities Project in readiness for deliver of the F-35A Lightning II aircraft.

The vast majority of my constituents fully support the Williamtown RAAF base in particularly the economic and social benefits it brings to our region.

In my submission I would like the committee to consider that instead of an extension of the existing runway to meet safety requirements of the incoming F-35A Lightning II aircraft, that a parallel runway on the eastern side to the existing runway be built to the required length for current and future military aircraft. I believe the benefits of this proposal would be the noise reduction to the local area and better efficiency of air traffic management for Commercial Airline integration at the airport.

I note that the public hearing date for the Air 6000 Phase 2A/B New Air Combat Capability Facilities in Newcastle is on 10 September 2014 and while I have a Portfolio commitment in Wollongong that date I seek an opportunity to address the Committee personally in Canberra at the Committee's earliest convenience. Please contact my office on 02 4983 1330 to make arrangements.

Please contact my office should you require any further information in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

Bob Baldwin MP
Federal Member for Paterson

CC: Mrs Karen Andrew MP - Chair Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works