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To: [Committee, Public Works \(REPS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Works Committee: Inquiry into proposed works at Garden Island
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Dear James and PWC,

Please find below my short submission for the Inquiry into proposed works at Garden Island.

In principal, based on material contained within the Defence Submission for this proposed project, I am in favour of progressing Stage One of the Garden Island (East) Critical Infrastructure Recovery Program.

Key benefits for local residents from the project include greater flexibility of use, a dad a result greater availability of the northernmost berths of Garden Island for large ships. Executing upgrades to the Northern berths to provide capacity for LHD ships to berth and be serviced/maintained, should mean that LHD ships will less frequently be required to be berthed adjacent to residents near berth 3.

When these LHD ships are berthed adjacent to our home for more than a couple of days, the noise and air pollution becomes a major drain on sleep quality and stress levels of residents. Having constant 24 hour mechanical noise, as well as the need to keep all windows closed is a significant and unreasonable burden on residents and causes a major reduction in sleep quality.

I ask that in considering the Garden Island (East) Critical Infrastructure Recovery Program, the committee make serious consideration for:

- 1) Monitoring and minimising noise, light and air pollution, as well as traffic impacts to residents during construction. Monitoring of impact/wear and tear to local road infrastructure would also be useful.
- 2) Developing a best practice methodology for restricting noise and air pollution impacts of Navy activities at Garden Island to local residents, including onsite monitoring.

I propose that the navy make a commitment to berthing large ships at northern berths as a priority. If there are operational requirements that would lead LHD's to need to be berthed adjacent to residents, can these issues be explored today before development commences to identify if this requirement could be addressed entirely or almost entirely by the Garden Island (East) Critical Infrastructure Recovery Program.

- 3) Developing a seamless method to ensure residents can receive updates to planning and construction progress both electronically and in hard copy for those without internet access. Have an information/communication point via phone and email, where residents can get prompt updates and answers to queries. An absence of information leads to greater frustration. I note that residents (including myself) were not notified of the planned Garden Island (East) Critical Infrastructure Recovery Program or the submissions dates (a neighbour alerted me).

I thank you for your consideration of this submission in your planning.

Kind regards,
Amber MacKinnon