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Mr Scott Bucholz MP  
Office of the Chair  
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Dear Mr Buchholz,

As the Member for Flinders, I write in strong support of the Department of Defence's submission in relation to the HMAS Cerberus redevelopment.

The redevelopment of HMAS Cerberus will provide a crucial upgrade of outdated infrastructure. When the training base at Cerberus was first opened in 1920, it could not have been envisioned how much the facility would grow and expand.

The existing facilities no longer meet the demands of the naval training base. These upgrades will provide much-needed improvements to ensure our defence capacity continues into the future.

The redevelopment includes upgrading critical underground services and building new technical training, physical training and survival at sea facilities as well as refurbishing dining and accommodation facilities.

This investment secures the future of HMAS Cerberus as a naval training facility and will provide a flow-on effect to the local economies of Crib Point, Hastings and the surrounding area.

The naval base is a major employer in the region, providing significant job opportunities both directly and indirectly. I look forward to working with the Department on securing opportunities as a part of this development for small businesses across the Mornington Peninsula.

A redeveloped HMAS Cerberus will better enable our defence forces to train the next generation of personnel and the continued investment into the long term future of the base will provide wide-ranging benefits to the local region.

I commend the work of the Department of Defence on this project and I fully endorse their report to the Standing Committee on Public Works

Kind regards,

**Greg Hunt MP**