

FRIENDS OF ALLEN PARK BUSHLAND GROUP



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Dear Secretary,

Submission to the Public Works Committee Inquiry into the Redevelopment of Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne, Western Australia

I write this submission to the Public Works Committee on behalf of Friends of Allen Park Bushland Group, Swanbourne and in support of the submission presented by Swanbourne Residents Ms Merrilee Garnett and Mr Sam Vandongen.

I among others, was pleased to have had the opportunity to be invited to attend the Campbell Barracks Project community information session at Mt Claremont Community Centre recently, and was surprised to establish that two multi-million dollar projects in Swanbourne are proposed concurrently, yet there seems to be little dialogue between both parties: Department of Defence is proposing to redevelop Campbell Barracks, and at the interface, Defence Housing Australia (DHA) is proposing to redevelop other Commonwealth land at "Seaward Village", home to Defence Force personnel and their families.

Ms Garnett and Mr Vandongen have presented an extensive submission that is representative of the Swanbourne community opinion. Although the terms of reference within which the Public Works Committee is required to operate is to examine the Campbell Barracks redevelopment, not the Seaward Village redevelopment, we agree that the Public Works Committee should be recommending that the Department of Defence plan and manage its proposed redevelopment projects in conjunction with DHA's proposed redevelopment of Seaward Village. And further, the Public Works Committee should be making it clear to the Commonwealth Parliament that it is of the view that DHA should be required to work together with the Department of Defence.

We believe that the outcome of constructive dialogue between Department of Defence and DHA would result in these very expensive developments being

accepted by the Swanbourne community, as there is currently much discontent with the conduct of DHA having little regard for Defence personnel safety concerns given the prospect of private housing being introduced into the enclave of the valley and subsequent traffic implications that would result from the development of Seaward Village. We very much doubt that there is any concern about Campbell Barracks' proposed redevelopment, as from what we learned at the information session, an upgrade is well overdue. We have no issue there.

We therefore support Ms Garnett's and Mr Vandongen's submission to urge the Public Works Committee to make recommendations, or to take any other steps it considers necessary, to at least ensure that the redevelopment of Campbell Barracks is planned for and managed in conjunction with DHA's proposed redevelopment of Seaward Village.

Yours faithfully

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