

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE
ON TREATIES 6th REPORT:
THE Oakey Agreement: AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE**

Recommendation 1: The Queensland Chamber of Commerce and Industry (South West Region) be provided with the full details of the Government's tendering processes to enable them to facilitate local industry participation in the economic benefits flowing from the Agreement.

In order to allow local Business and Industry to obtain the optimum benefits from the Oakey Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Singapore, strategies should be effected which involve:

- a. adequate Public Notice and publicity of any tenders which may be periodically let;
- b. the acquisition of supplies from local providers wherever practicable;
- c. facilitating the briefing of local businesses in the tendering processes for contracts to be let in order to optimise opportunities; and
- d. liaison with the QCCI and local Chambers of Commerce in relation to business opportunities which may arise from the Oakey facilities.

Recommendation 2: The Coordinating Group established by the Queensland Department of Premier and Cabinet facilitate the provision of a single Singaporean housing coordination agency and that a plan be developed outlining the provision of essential services such as education and health care.

The Commonwealth will request the Queensland Government to facilitate:

- a. the coordination of housing for the Republic of Singapore Air Force through a single agency arrangement; and
- b. to develop a comprehensive plan for the provision of essential services such as education and health care, where necessary, in conjunction with Commonwealth Government agencies.

Recommendation 3: The Australian Government ratify the Oakey Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Singapore at the earliest opportunity.

The Government of Australia intends to ratify the Oakey Agreement.