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Ms Vivienne Courto The Secretary Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Ms Courto,

RAAF COLLEGE RELOCATION PROJECT – SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION 12

Thank you for providing an opportunity for me to respond to the submission from Mr James Pennell in regard to the relocation of the RAAF College to RAAF Base East Sale. The submission provides strong support for the relocation proposal and identifies that the RAAF personnel are a valued part of Sale's community. This is very much appreciated.

I note the submission suggests the likelihood of an extra 600 officers taking up residency within the district. I would like to clarify that in addition to the current work population of about 740 personnel, the relocation project will add a further 63 permanent Defence personnel who will provide training to approximately 690 officer candidates and RAAF Australian Defence Force Academy cadets each year.

By far the majority of the additional 63 permanent Defence personnel are expected to take up residency in the community. The trainees will be accommodated on the RAAF base. Nevertheless, they will be part of the community whilst undergoing training at RAAF Base East Sale.

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