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The Secretary Public Works Committee Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Sir/Madam,

PUBLIC WORKS INQUIRY RELOCATION OF RAAF COLLEGE TO RAAF BASE EAST SALE, VICTORIA

The RAAF Base in Sale has always been an integral part of the community and the expansion would ensure that it continues to be so.

Macalister Prestige Homes and Macalister Plumbing Service believe that Sale and the surrounding area offers the RAAF the resources and community support needed to assist with the continuation and expansion of the Base.

This expansion would mean a great deal not only to Sale, but the surrounding district and East Gippsland as a whole. The generation of more employment to not only ourselves but to the area would greatly enhance what we already have in an area that caters for all people whether it be the arts, sports, leisure, etc.

The East Sale RAAF Base adds confidence to the community both in the construction industries and the retail sector. Macalister Prestige Homes and Macalister Plumbing Service strongly believe in employing local people and currently employ 50 local people, 10 of whom are apprentices, and with the expansion of the RAAF Base, this will contribute strongly to the strong economy in Sale and the surrounding areas.

So it is our very strong belief that you support the relocation of The Officer Training College from Point Cook to Sale, East Gippsland.

Yours faithfully,

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