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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works Parliament House, Canberra, ACT

Dear Sir/Madam

Submission to Committee on Remediation of Defence Randwick Site

I am the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) accredited Site Auditor (No. 9819), commissioned by the Department of Defence to provide independent third party technical review of the environmental assessment and subsequent remedial works undertaken at the Defence Randwick Site. In this role I am responsible, under the provisions of the NSW Contaminated Land Management Act, 1997, as amended, for the final signoff of the land in terms of its suitability for the proposed residential and open space purposes.

I have been involved in the technical reviews of the environmental assessment and remedial works at the Randwick site since 1997 and, so far, I have provided two site audit statements (and associated documentation) advising as to the suitability of portions of the Randwick Site for residential and related purposes. These two areas are known as the "Stage 1A" Area and the "Community Facility" Area.

I would am able to provide expert evidence to the PWC Hearing on 12 March 2004, in relation to the performance of the environmental assessment and final remedial works at the Randwick site.

Please contact me on 02 - 99500200 if you have any questions in relation to this offer to assist the PWC Hearing.

Yours sincerely CH2M HILL Australia Pty Ltd

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