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The Secretary Public Works Committee Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Adamstown Development Proposal

We refer to the submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Works dated 2nd January 2003 regarding the development of off-base housing for Defence at Adamstown, Newcastle, NSW.

It is noted that Paragraph 9.4, "Amenity Provision" refers to a "landscaped" open area and buffer zone" between the development and the golf course. The final sentence in the paragraph states: "pedestrian access and links will be provided throughout the site". We trust that this does not mean access from site to Golf Course as we advise that this would not be acceptable to Merewether Golf Club.

This "buffer" zone was the subject of submissions to the Newcastle City Council by Merewether Golf Club when the site was being considered for rezoning from Open Space 6(A) to Residential 2(A) in 1999/2000. Our concern is that the area is the receival spot for accidentally miss-hit golf balls and persons in that area could receive serious injury. The Council agreed that this should not be playground or other open space, particularly with the thoughts of possible future litigation.

We have suggested that the area as highlighted on the attached "Site Master Plan" could be transferred free of cost to Merewether Golf Club with the storm water filtration system and settlement pond still being located in the area. The existing fence could be shifted by the developer from the Golf Club boundary to enclose the buffer zone but altered to include a locked gate for Council personnel accessing the filter system for maintenance.

The benefit to Council and/or site management would be that Merewether Golf Club would then become responsible for maintaining and mowing the site (except the filter system), have the responsibility of keeping children out of the way of golf balls, and the pondage would be fenced off on private property and be subject to Club care.

It would be appreciated is some consideration be given to the above and your decision forwarded to us.

Yours faithfully

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Site Master Plan



