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Redevelopment of Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan

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List of abbreviations

ADF	Australian Defence Force
AIMS	Australian Institute of Marine Science
ATOS	Australian Tropical Oceans Simulator
BREC	Brisbane Region Environment Council
CEMP	Construction and Environment Management Plan
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
Defence	Department of Defence
DEWR	Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DHA	Defence Housing Australia
EER	Energy Efficiency Rating
ELF	Enhanced Land Force
EMS	Environment Management System
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
IEA	International Energy Agency
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
VAT	Value-Added Tax

List of recommendations

2 Construction of housing for Defence at Gordon Olive Estate at McDowall, Brisbane, Queensland

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that Defence Housing Australia and the Department of Defence establish a general disability access demand level, and that DHA reflect this in a designated accessible proportion of housing stock, incorporating integrated access features.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18 (7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Construction of housing for Defence at Gordon Olive Estate at McDowall, Brisbane, Queensland.

3 Construction of Housing for Defence at Larrakeyah Barracks, Darwin, Northern Territory

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18 (7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Construction of Housing for Defence at Larrakeyah Barracks, Darwin, Northern Territory.

4 Midlife Engineering Services refurbishment of the Australian Embassy, Paris, France

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade install independent smart metering throughout the chancery building of the Australian Embassy, Paris.

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18 (7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Midlife Engineering Services Refurbishment of the Australian Embassy, Paris, France.

5 Enhanced Land Force Stage 2 Facilities Project

Recommendation 6

The Committee recommends that the Department of Defence direct any savings identified in the Enhanced Land Force Stage 2 facilities project on Lavarack Barracks towards improving base security and providing additional Living-In Accommodation at Lavarack Barracks, Townsville.

Recommendation 7

The Committee recommends that the Department of Defence consult with state and local governments in order to finalise plans for an entrance off Samford Road, Enoggera with Defence funding a fair and reasonable portion of the cost of the road works, in order to ease traffic congestion in the vicinity of Gallipoli Barracks.

Recommendation 8

The Committee recommends that the Department of Defence develop a consultation protocol that ensures that consultation with local government and, where appropriate state government, occurs in line with routine local planning procedures.

Recommendation 9

The Committee recommends that the Department of Defence ensure that any future proposals for work at Gallipoli Barracks consider increasing the size of Duncan Oval, with a view to increasing the open space available on the Base. **Recommendation 10**

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18 (7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Enhanced Land Force Stage 2 Facilities Project.

6 Redevelopment of Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan

Recommendation 11

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18 (7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Redevelopment of Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan.

7 Tropical Marine Research Facilities, Cape Ferguson and Townsville, Queensland

Recommendation 12

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18 (7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Tropical Marine Research Facilities, Cape Ferguson and Townsville, Queensland.