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To Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works Inquiry into Enhanced Land Force Stage 2 Facilities Greenbank Military Training Area Qld

The Brisbane Region Environment Council and other groups Karrawatha Forest Protection Society, Forestdale Community Association, S.O.R.B., Care2 and Logan and Albert Conservation Association and others now inactive(CROWD, SRA, FEPC, WESTLEG)have had a long term interest In this GMTA, the Flinders Peak to Greenbank to Karrawatha State Significant Bioregional Corridor (FGK Corridor) and the fauna linkages through Springfield, Forestdale and Heathwood South

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The recent notice of a Battalion Occupation, new infrastructure and perceived increase in intensity of use etc of GMTA without a rectified Land Management Plan, Current Environmental Condition Assessment (See Driscoll 1992 p.40), Environmental Impact Study and Recovery Plan are viewed with some disbelief, and disappointment by these groups. These above environmental instruments are requested The considerable environmental attributes are documented elsewhere. Offsets are not mentioned. and considerable grounds exist to shift the Urban Operation Training Facility and method of entry Site 7 to OFFSITE. (Forestdale residents have Appealed at Heathwood South to seek better fauna connectivity into GMTA at the corner of Stapylton and Johnson Roads,). These groups have contested impacts and poor planning in the Corridor, over 18 years of Roads, urbanisation and infrastructure.

The area is highly regarded by the community, and although the fact that feral dogs, feral cats and feral horses have been removed is applauded, there exist other threats to this State Significant Landscape High Nature Conservation Value Site and National Estate registered parcel featuring Niche habitats, Rainforest, Old Growth and newEVR Taxa and icon fauna species. These threats include but are not restricted to erosion, fire, weeds, nocturnal exercises or intensification of use. The offsite impacts do not appear to have been scoped by Logan City Council: - Town Planning Buffer Zones, Housing stock for ADF, construction and civilian support workers, Fauna Corridors or fauna infrastructure, Road Entry Alternatives/Road widening /Lights. Other alternate destinations for CMF, Police and other Services, Organisations, etc.using the site perhaps 50 weeks a year are not mentioned.An Intergovernmental MOU exists on the FGK Corridor Edward John Fensom G.D.U.R.P Coordinator B.R.E.C. 4.10.2009