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The Chairperson Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works PO Box 6021 Parliament House

Dear Ms Livermore

Canberra ACT 2600

## **Demolition Works at Samford Road**

At the Public Hearing for Defence Housing Australia's (DHA's) development at Samford Road, Enoggera, Queensland conducted on 12 June 2013, I undertook to advise the Committee of DHA safeguards and processes in regards to asbestos.

## DHA Work Health and Safety (WHS) process regarding asbestos

Prior to demolition, DHA will conduct a Hazard Materials Survey, utilising the services of an independent, qualified company. If asbestos (or any other hazardous material) is discovered, DHA will ensure that the demolition contractor is fully aware of the hazard and employs the correct techniques for its removal and subsequent disposal.

At all times, DHA will comply with the relevant WHS (Cth) Regulations 452 and 453 which pertain to the identification and removal of asbestos.

Should you require further information, my point of contact is Mr Vern Gallagher, General Manager External Relations, Property Provisioning Group, who can be contacted by telephone on 02 6217 8489.

Yours sincerely

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