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**Ms Janelle Saffin MP**  
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Saffin

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT FOR THE DEFENCE LOGISTICS TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM (DLTP)**

1. This letter is to inform the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) about the nature and extent of community consultations undertaken as part of the DLTP project and the issues that have been raised by stakeholders and community members.
2. In general, no significant issues have been raised through Defence's comprehensive and wide spread community consultations and mostly there is support for the project as it will generate wide scale employment for local small to medium sized businesses. For potential issues such as construction noise and traffic congestion, local residents and businesses appear to be satisfied that strategies have been developed by Defence that will provide appropriate mitigation.
3. Seven principal locations will undergo site works as part of the nationwide DLTP project. These are:
  - a. Defence National Storage and Distribution Centre (DNSDC) – Wattle Grove, Moorebank, NSW;
  - b. Joint Logistics Unit (JLU) South Queensland [JLU (SQ)] – Amberley and Wallangarra, QLD;
  - c. JLU North Queensland [JLU (NQ)] – Townsville, QLD;
  - d. JLU North [JLU(N)] – Robertson Barracks, Darwin, NT;
  - e. JLU Victoria [JLU (V)] – Bandiana (East), VIC;
  - f. JLU South [JLU (S)] – Edinburgh, SA; and
  - g. JLU West [JLU(W)] – HMAS Stirling and Palmer Barracks, WA.

4. Broadly, the strategy for community consultation adopted by Defence was undertaken with the objectives of:
  - a. ensuring that the community was informed about the project using effective, proven communication channels; and
  - b. ensuring that the community had every opportunity to raise issues of concern so that wherever feasible they could be addressed by the DLTP project in its program of works.
5. Six main activities were undertaken at each site under the consultation plan, namely:
  - a. stakeholder briefings (listed in Annex A);
  - b. establishment of a project web page including e-mail facility for inquiries and comments;
  - c. direct mail to residents living near each of the seven proposed sites of works;
  - d. advertisements in local newspapers;
  - e. community information sessions held at various locations (see Annex B); and
  - f. meetings with local, state and federal political representatives (see Annex C).
6. Although comments and feedback have been overwhelmingly supportive of the project, some concerns were expressed, which are briefly outlined below:
  - a. **DNSDC** – Thirty four community members attended the consultation session, held at the Moorebank Community Centre. Most issues raised related to the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal Project. These inquiries were referred to the Moorebank Project Office. Issues relating to noise were also raised and community members asked for adequate sound buffering. The project team has addressed noise concerns by ensuring that all facilities are set back as far as possible and through various landscaping measures.
  - b. **Darwin** – Sixteen people attended the community consultation session held at Knuckey Lagoon Recreation Centre. Two main issues were raised: the use of local residential roads by Defence personnel as short cuts to Robertson Barracks and the presence of US Marines at Robertson Barracks. Defence has addressed the road issue by proposing a new access road to the Barracks and closing the gate to the Barracks that facilitates the short cuts. These measures will assist in stopping Defence personnel from driving along the contested route. In respect to the US Marines, the issues raised were not specific to the DLTP project, rather they related to the issue of the rotational deployment of US Marines to Darwin.
7. Defence is confident that it has taken all reasonable steps to inform the community about the DLTP project and to provide opportunities to raise any concerns they may have. The lack of response to the email inquiry service and extremely low turn out to the Community Information Sessions suggests that the key issues have been adequately addressed and that the benefits of the project are recognised and not considered contentious. The lack of engagement by all but a very small, number of opponents of the Moorebank IMT project is suggestive that the proposed DLTP project is seen in an overwhelmingly positive light in terms of investment by Defence in the south west region of Sydney.

8. A table summarizing the issues raised by stakeholders and how these have been addressed by Defence is provided for your reference in Annex D. A more detailed briefing on methodology, the DLTP Stakeholder Consultation Plan and outcomes can be provided to the Committee upon request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop on the left and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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17 September 2012

**Annexes:**

- A. List of Stakeholders Consulted
- B. Local, State and Federal members Consulted
- C. Community Consultation Session Times and Locations
- D. Summary of Issues Table

## LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED

Following is a list of stakeholders consulted by the DLTP Project Team:

### **Internal stakeholders**

Vice Chief of Defence Force Group  
Joint Logistics Command  
Defence Support Group Infrastructure Division  
Defence Support Group – Defence Support Operations Division  
Defence Materiel Organisation  
Defence Security Authority  
Chief Information Officer Group

### **External stakeholders**

*Moorebank, New South Wales – DNSDC*  
Liverpool City Council  
Sydney Water  
Integral Electricity  
New South Wales Roads and Maritime Services

### *RAAF Base Amberley, Ipswich, Queensland – JLU (SQ)*

Ipswich City Council  
Queensland Urban Utilities  
Energex  
Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads

### *Lavarack Barracks, Townsville, Queensland – JLU (NQ)*

Townsville City Council  
Ergon Energy, Electricity provider  
Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads

### *Roberston Barracks, Palmerston, Northern Territory – JLU (N)*

Litchfield Council  
Northern Territory Power and Water Corporation  
Northern Territory Land Development Corporation  
Department of Lands and Planning  
Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sports

### *HMAS Stirling, Rockingham and Palmer Barracks, Guildford, Western Australia – JLU (W)*

City of Rockingham Council  
City of Swan Council  
Water Corporation  
Western Power, Electricity provider  
Main Roads Western Australia

### *RAAF Base Edinburgh, South Australia – JLU (S)*

Salisbury City Council

### *Wadsworth Barracks, East Bandiana, Victoria – JLU (V)*

Wadonga City Council

North East Water  
SP Ausnet, Electricity provider  
VicRoads

**LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL MEMBERS CONSULTED**

**DNSDC, Moorebank, New South Wales**

**Local:** Wendy Waller, Mayor, Liverpool City Council

**State:** Ms Melanie Gibbons MLA, State Member for Menai

**Federal:** Mr Craig Kelly MP, Federal Member for Hughes

**JLU(V) East Bandiana, Victoria**

**Local:** Mr Mark Byatt, Mayor, Wadonga City Council

**State:** Mr Bill Tilley MLA, State Member for Benambra

**Federal:** Mrs Sophie Mirabella MP, Federal Member for Indi

**JLU(SQ) Amberley, Queensland**

**Local:** Mr Paul Pisasale, Mayor, Ipswich City Council

**State:** Mr Ian Berry MLA, State Member for Ipswich

**Federal:** Mr Shane Neumann MP, Federal Member for Blair

**JLU(NQ) Townsville, Queensland**

**Local:** Jenny Hill, Mayor, Townsville City Council

**State:** Mrs Rosemary Menkens MLA, State Member for Burdekin

**Federal:** Mr Ewen Jones MP, Federal Member for Herbert

**JLU(N) Palmerston (Darwin), Northern Territory**

**Local:** Mr Allan McKay, Mayor, Litchfield Council

**State:** Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson

**Federal:** Mrs Natasha Griggs MP, Federal Member for Solomon

**JLU(S) Edinburgh, South Australia**

**Local:** Gillian Aldridge, Mayor, Salisbury City Council

**State:** Ms Patricia White MLA, State Member for Taylor

**Federal:** Mr Nick Champion MP, Federal Member for Wakefield

**JLU(W) HMAS Stirling, Western Australia**

**Local:** Mr Barry Sammels, Mayor, Rockingham City Council

**State:** Mr Mark McGowan MLA, State Member for Rockingham

**Federal:** Mr Gary Gray MP, Federal Member for Brand

**JLU(W) Palmer Barracks, Western Australia**

**Local:** Mr Charlie Zannino, City of Swan Council

**State:** Ms Michelle Hopkins Roberts MLA, State Member for Midland

**Federal:** Mr Ken Wyatt MP, Federal Member for Hasluck

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

**DNSDC, Moorebank, New South Wales**

Moorebank Community Centre 1700-2100, 07 Jun 12

**JLU(N) Palmerston (Darwin), Northern Territory**

Knuckey Lagoon Recreation Reserve Hall 1700-2100, 14 Jun 12

**JLU(NQ) Townsville, Queensland**

Townsville Civic Theatre 1600-2000, 21 Jun 12

**JLU(V) East Bandiana, Victoria**

TAFESpace 1700-2000, 12 Jul 12

**JLU(SQ) RAAF Amberley, Queensland**

RAAF Amberley Bowls Club 1700-2000, 26 Jul 12

SUMMARY OF ISSUES TABLE

<b>Location</b>	<b>Issue:</b>	<b>Discussed with:</b>	<b>How each issue has been addressed:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Darwin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns that the new entry gate may only operate for restricted hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member of local community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community member was contacted and Defence confirmed that the gate will remain open during normal business hours.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Townsville</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns about development between Workshop and Eastern Regimental Aid Post at Lavarack Barracks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member of local community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no development proposed in this area</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Townsville</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerns regarding noise from University Drive reaching James Cook University</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member of local community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Managing Contractor will confirm if attenuation necessary, this however is unlikely considering that JLU(NQ) is being built on the opposite side of the barracks to James Cook University</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Townsville</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Radiation from ASA radar dome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member of local community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Response has been provided from ASA and a letter was sent to respondents by the Defence Project Manager on 26 Jun 12</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bandiana</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effect of construction on TV reception in Bandiana</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member of local community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed with member during the consultation that construction is proposed on the opposite side of the barracks to where the member's house is located, and as such there would be no effect on TV reception.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moorebank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moorebank Intermodal Terminal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members of the community who attended the information session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inquiries about the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal were directed to the Moorebank Project Office as they are not included in the scope of this project.</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Darwin</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U.S. Marine presence in Darwin</li><li>• Members concerned that they have not been consulted regarding the US Marine presence in Darwin</li><li>• Community unsure as to details of agreement such as where will the Marines be based and who will finance their infrastructure</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Members of local community</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1st Brigade representative broadly addressed the concerns stating that consultation will be undertaken once the plan for the US presence is further developed.</li></ul>
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