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Mr Scott Buchholdz MP  
Chair  
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Buchholdz,

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT FOR FITOUT AND RELOCATION OF  
THE AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE PROJECT**

This letter is to inform the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) about the nature and extent of community consultation undertaken as part of the Fitout and Relocation of the Australian Cyber Security Centre Project (Project).

The objectives of the community consultation undertaken by Defence were to ensure that the community:

- Was well informed about the Project by using effective and proven communication channels to convey details of the proposed works; and
- Had every opportunity to raise issues of concerns so that wherever feasible, they could be addressed by Defence in its program of works.

The consultation activities undertaken included:

- Correspondence sent by mail and follow-up email to local groups, State and Federal members with individual briefings where requested. The members and groups consulted, with a short description of the outcomes of the engagement are detailed in Annex A. An example of the correspondence sent to the members and groups on the 2 December 2016 is provided at Annex B.
- Advertisements in local newspapers, as detailed and listed in Annex C;
- A Public Information Session was held on 14 December 2016 at 2 Brindabella Circuit, Brindabella business park, as detailed at Annex D; and
- Consultation with HR representatives and representatives of the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU).

Key issues raised by the Community through the community consultation session and the responses provided are outlined at Annex E (none received at the time of writing).

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In conclusion, no significant issues have been identified during Defence's community consultation that will impact on the proposed works. Defence is satisfied that it has undertaken all reasonable steps to inform the Community about the Project and to provide opportunities for the Community to raise concerns.

Yours sincerely,

**N.F. BEUTEL**

Brigadier

Director General Capital Facilities and Infrastructure

27 January 2017

### **Annex:**

- A. List of Stakeholders Consulted
- B. Example Correspondence sent by mail to Stakeholders
- C. Newspaper and Media Advertisement
- D. Community Consultation Session for the Fitout and Relocation of the Australian Cyber Security Centre
- E. Key questions and issues raised during the Community Consultation Session
- F. Key questions and issues raised from key Stakeholders

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**LIST OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED**

<b>Level of Consultation</b>	<b>Organisation and Member</b>	<b>DATE OF CONSULTATION</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Member for Fenner	Hon. Dr Andrew Keith Leigh	2 December 2016	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 11 Jan 17. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence mailed on 2 December 17. The Project Director also sought to confirm if the MP required a briefing or further information. The office has requested additional information in relation to the nature of the workstations, particularly in reference to; the number, current location and level of personnel moving there, time frame and how long this has been a plan. The Project Director provided a response on 12 January 2017. Details of the response are included in ANNEX F.
ACT Senator	Senator Katy Gallagher	2 December 2016	Telephone contact was made with the Senator's electoral office 11 Jan 17. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence mailed on 2 December 17. The Project Director also sought to confirm if a briefing or further information was required. It was requested an electronic version of the original letter be forwarded for further response. The office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.
ACT Senator	Senator Zed Seselja	2 December 2016	Telephone contact was made with the Senator's electoral office 11 Jan 17. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence mailed on 2 December 17. The Project Director also sought to confirm if a briefing or further information was required. The office has advised a briefing

			is required. The briefing has been scheduled for Wednesday 8 February 2017.
Local Representative (Kurrajong)	Mr Andrew Barr MLA	2 December 2016	Telephone contact was made with the Chief Minister's office 11 Jan 17. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence mailed on 2 December 17. The Project Director also sought to confirm if the Chief Minister required a briefing or further information. It was requested an electronic version of the original letter be forwarded for further response. The office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.
Local Representative (Kurrajong)	Mr Steve Doszpot MLA	2 December 2016	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 11 Jan 17. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence mailed on 2 December 17. The Project Director also sought to confirm if the Minister required a briefing or further information. The office has advised no briefing is required in the near future.
Local Representative (Kurrajong)	Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA	2 December 2016	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 12 Jan 17. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence mailed on 2 December 17. The Project Director also sought to confirm if the Minister required a briefing or further information. The office has advised no briefing is required in the near future.
Local Representative (Kurrajong)	Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA	2 December 2016	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 12 Jan 17. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence mailed on 2 December 17. The Project Director also sought to confirm if the Minister required a briefing or further information. The office has advised no briefing is required in the near future.
Local Representative (Kurrajong)	Ms Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA	2 December 2016	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 12 Jan 17. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence mailed on 2 December 17. The Project Director also sought to confirm if the Minister required a

			briefing or further information. It was requested an electronic version of the original letter be forwarded for further response. The office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.
Indigenous Group (Ngunnawal)	Chairperson United Ngunnawal Elders Council (UNEC)	2 December 2016	Telephone contact was made with the Council's office on 12 Jan 17. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence mailed on 2 December 17. The Project Director also sought to confirm if the Council required a briefing or further information. It was requested an electronic version of the original letter be forwarded for further response. The office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.



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## **EXAMPLE CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS**

An example of the correspondence issued to stakeholders is as follows:

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### **PROPOSED FIT-OUT OF NEW LEASED PREMISES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (DEFENCE), AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT)**

In accordance with the requirements of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works' *Manual of Procedures for Departments and Agencies*, I am writing to notify you of Defence's intention to deliver the Australian Cyber Security Centre Relocation and Fitout Project, located in Canberra, ACT. These works are subject to Parliamentary approval.

The Project has now been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Public Works (PWC) and can be reviewed on the Committee's website at the following link:

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Joint/Public\\_Works/ACSCfit-out](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works/ACSCfit-out)

It is proposed the fit-out and relocation associated with The Project will address three major requirements:

1. **Expansion of the ACSC.** BP14-16 will support up to 650 workstation location allowing for the expansion of the ACSC;
2. **Multiple Security Levels.** The proposed fit-out will support multiple physical security zones which is not possible in the Ben Chifley Building; and
3. **Partnerships.** The proposed fit-out will provide accommodation for industry, academia and innovation initiatives which is not possible in the Ben Chifley Building.

The Project proposes to fit-out lease space within BP14-16 to provide working accommodation and ancillary facilities to accommodate 650 new personnel.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information on this project.

Yours faithfully,

**Rebecca Booth**  
Assistant Director  
ACT Office Accommodation  
Estate and Infrastructure Group

2 December 2016

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## **NEWSPAPER AND MEDIA ADVERTISEMENT**

The PWC Public Information Session for the Project was advertised on 3 and 10 December 2016 in the Canberra Times. The following is an example of the newspaper advertisement:



**Australian Government**  
**Department of the Defence**

**Notice of Proposed Development**

**Refurbishment of new leased premises for the Department of Defence (Defence), Australian Capital Territory (ACT)**

The Department of Defence wishes to announce its intention to progress works associated with the Proposed Fit-out and Relocation of the Australian Cyber Security Centre (The Project) at Brindabella Business Park, ACT.

These works are subject to Parliamentary approval and The Project has now been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC). The function of the PWC is to openly inquire into the purpose, need, cost-effectiveness, revenue and value of proposed Commonwealth projects. Relevant projects are referred to the PWC through the House of Representatives.

More information on the PWC process, how to make submissions and The Project can be found at:

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Joint/Public\\_Works/ACSCfit-out](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works/ACSCfit-out)

The Project will refurbish newly leased premises to support the relocation of the Australian Cyber Security Centre. The proposed works associated with The Project will be delivered at Brindabella Business Park, ACT

A public information session will be held on Wednesday, 14 December 2016 from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM at Building 2 Brindabella Circuit, Brindabella Business Park, Canberra.

Please email any questions or queries regarding the proposed works to the Commonwealth's Project Manager / Contract Administrator at [Tristan.Mobbs@rpspm.com.au](mailto:Tristan.Mobbs@rpspm.com.au)

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**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION FOR THE FITOUT AND RELOCATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY  
CENTRE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ATTENDEES</b>
14 December 2016	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Murrumbidgee Room, 2 Brindabella Circuit.	NIL



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**KEY QUESTIONS AND ISSUES RAISED DURING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION**

ISSUES/QUESTIONS	RESPONSE PROVIDED	COMMUNITY MEMBER
None received	N/A	N/A

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**KEY QUESTIONS AND ISSUES RAISED FROM KEY STAKEHOLDERS**

<b>ISSUES/QUESTIONS</b>	<b>RESPONSE PROVIDED</b>	<b>COMMUNITY MEMBER</b>
<p>Can you please provide further information about the nature of the ‘workstations’? For example, the number, current location and level of personnel moving there, timeframe and how long this has been a plan.</p>	<p>(Defence response to email enquiry provided via email to the Office of Dr Andrew Leigh MP, 12 January 2017)</p> <p>“Dear Lillian,</p> <p>We thank the Member for his interest and questions dealing with the new Australian Cyber Security Centre, which is to be located within the Brindabella Park precinct. The Australian Cyber Security Centre, otherwise known as ACSC, was identified within Australia's Cyber Security Strategy that was publicly released by the Prime Minister, the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP, on the 21st April 2016.</p> <p><a href="https://cybersecuritystrategy.dpmc.gov.au/foreword/index.html">https://cybersecuritystrategy.dpmc.gov.au/foreword/index.html</a></p> <p>Identified in the Strategy and the public release was for the ACSC to relocate to a new facility which would enable cyber research and foster collaboration between Government, academia and business. The ACSC also includes cyber experts from across multiple agencies such as Australian Signals Directorate, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, and the National Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT Australia), who are charged with tackling cyber security threats to Australia and its interests.</p> <p>To address the Member's specific question on the nature of the workstations:</p> <p><b>Number of Personnel in the ACSC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The new facility will support up to 650 people drawn from the Australian Public Service, sworn police officers, academia and Industry.</li><li>• The ACSC will provide working labs for students and academics to research cyber</li></ul>	<p>Dr Andrew Leigh MP</p>

	<p>technology and security.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The ACSC will also provide facilities to host cyber events and representatives from business and other counties.</li></ul> <p><b>Current location and level of personnel moving to the ACSC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each agency relocating to the ACSC will provide their own staff and supporting information technology.</li><li>• Currently, staff are located across Canberra in multiple locations, this new facility consolidates Australia's best cyber experts in a single location.</li><li>• In the new facility, Government agencies will be able to work collaboratively with business and the public without the security restrictions imposed by the ACSC's current location, the Ben Chifley Building.</li></ul> <p><b>Timeframe for the new ACSC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The ACSC project was announced by the Prime Minister on 21 April 2016.</li><li>• The ACSC project was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in both houses of Parliament on Thursday 10 November 2016.</li><li>• The hearing into the ACSC project will be held at Parliament house on Friday 10 February 2017.</li><li>• Pending Parliamentary approval, the ACSC facility is anticipated to open in June 2017.</li></ul> <p>We appreciate the Member's interest in this project. If you or the Member have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me on 02 6266 8507.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p> <p>Amanda Richter Estate Property Officer, ACT Office Accommodation Property Management Branch, Infrastructure Division Estate &amp; Infrastructure Group Department of Defence"</p>	
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