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Mr Scott Buchholz MP

Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Buchholz,

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND
UPGRADE OF INDIRECT FIRE SUPPORT FACILITIES FOR THE LAND 17 PHASE
1B/1C INFRASTRUCTURE 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 LAND 17 Phase 1B/1C Construction and Upgrade of Indirect Fire Support Facilities 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 concern so that wherever feasible they could be addressed by Defence in its program of works.

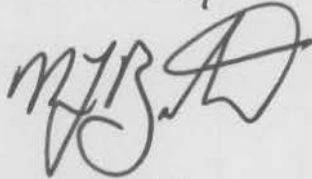
The consultation activities undertaken included:

- Correspondence sent by email to local groups, State and Federal members and an offer of individual briefings. 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 28 October 2016 via email is provided at Annex B;
- Advertisements in local newspapers, as detailed and listed at Annex C;
- A Public Information Session was undertaken at Gallipoli Barracks as detailed at Annex D;
- Provision of a project specific website, <http://www.defence.gov.au/id/land17>; and
- Provision of a project specific email to receive community feedback, LAND17@ghd.com.

Key issues raised by the community through the Community Consultation Session and the responses provided are outlined at Annex E.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Brigadier

Director General Capital Facilities and Infrastructure

17 November 2016

Annexes:

- A. List of Stakeholders Consulted
- B. Example Correspondence sent by email to Key Stakeholders
- C. Newspaper and Media Advertisements
- D. Public Information Sessions for the LAND 17 1B/1C Project
- E. Key questions and issues raised during Community Consultation sessions

LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED

LEVEL OF CONSULTATION	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	COMMENTS
Federal Member (Lavarack Barracks)	Ms Cathy O'Toole MP, Member for Herbert	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP required a briefing or further information. The office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.
State Member (Lavarack Barracks)	Mr Scott Stewart MP, State Member for Townsville	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP required a briefing or further information. The office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.
Townsville City Council (Lavarack Barracks)	Ms Jenny Hill, Mayor of Townsville	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Mayor's office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if a briefing is required. The Mayor's office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.
Federal Member (Gallipoli Barracks)	Ms Jane Prentice MP, Member for Ryan	28 Oct 16	Ms Prentice's office was telephoned to confirm receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16 and obtain acknowledgement of the Community Consultation Session to be held on 09 Nov 16. In addition, a follow up email was sent to the office to confirm if a verbal briefing was required. No response has been received to date.
State Member (Gallipoli Barracks)	Ms Kate Jones MP, Member for Ashgrove	28 Oct 16	Ms Jones' office was telephoned to confirm receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16 and obtain acknowledgement of the Community Consultation Session to be held on 09 Nov 16. Ms Jones' office stated that they would advise if a verbal briefing was required. No further response has been received to date.
Brisbane City Council (Gallipoli Barracks)	Mr Graham Quirk, Lord Mayor	28 Oct 16	Response letter received on 08 Nov 16 to the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The Mayor stated that he was pleased with the Project and that it had been brought to his attention.

Gallipoli Precinct Action Group (Gallipoli Barracks)	Mrs Mary Harbeck	28 Oct 16	On 21 Oct 16 a member of the project team contacted Mrs Mary Harbeck to confirm phone and email contact details. The original correspondence emailed on 28 Oct 16 failed to reach the intended recipient. The member was aware of the Community Information Session through a local newspaper advertisement. Ms Harbeck was sent an email 10 Nov 16 apologising for the initial error. A follow up call was made 16 Nov 16 by the project team and Mrs Harbeck confirmed that the subsequent email had been received.
Federal Member (RAAF Base Williamtown)	Ms Meryl Swanson MP, Member for Paterson	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP required a briefing or further information on the project. The office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.
State Member (RAAF Base Williamtown)	Ms Kate Washington MP, Member for Port Stephens	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 16 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP required a briefing or further information. The office indicated that the MP would be interested in a briefing and will advise the project team of a date for a telephone briefing on the Project.
Port Stephens Council (RAAF Base Williamtown)	Mr Bruce MacKenzie, Mayor	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Mayor's office 16 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if a briefing is required. The office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.
Federal Member (Holsworthy Barracks)	Mr Craig Kelly MP, Member for Hughes	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP required a briefing or further information. The office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.

State Member (Holsworthy Barracks)	Ms Melanie Gibbons MP, Member for Holsworthy	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP required a briefing or further information. The office advised that a briefing was not required.
Liverpool City Council (Holsworthy Barracks)	Ms Wendy Waller, Mayor	28 Oct 16	The Mayor's office was called on 15 Nov 16 to confirm receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The Mayor's office advised they would notify the project team to confirm receipt and if a briefing is required.
Federal Member (Puckapunyal Military Area)	Mr Rob Mitchell MP, Member for McEwen	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP required a briefing or further information. The office advised via email dated 15 Nov 20, at 4:03 pm that a briefing was not required.
State Member (Puckapunyal Military Area)	Ms Stephanie Ryan MP, Member for Euroa	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP required a briefing or further information. The office advised the project team via email, dated 16 Nov 16 that a briefing was not required.
Mitchell Shire Council (Puckapunyal Military Area)	Ms Sue Marstaeller, Mayor	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Mayor's office 16 Nov 16. The Mayor's office advised that since the original email was sent Ms Sue Marstaeller was no longer the mayor and that Cr Rhonda Sanderson was elected Mayor and was sworn in 2 Nov 16. The Mayor's office requested that the original letter be resent and they would advise if further information required in the near future. The correspondence was resent to the Mayor's office 16 Nov 16.
Federal Member (Campbell Barracks)	Hon Julie Bishop MP, Member for Curtin	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP requires a briefing or further information. The office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.

State Member (Campbell Barracks)	Hon Mr Colin Barnett MLA, Member for Cottesloe	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Premier's electoral office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP requires a briefing or further information. The office advised via email dated 15 Nov 2016, at 3:08 pm that a briefing was not required.
Nedlands City Council (Campbell City Council)	Mr Max Hipkins, Mayor	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Mayor's office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if a briefing is required. The office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.
Federal Member (Robertson Barracks)	Mr Luke Gosling MP, Member for Solomon	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 28 Oct 16. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP required a briefing or further information. The office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.
State Member (Robertson Barracks)	Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the letter regarding the project. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP requires a briefing or further information. Mr Wood called the project office at 1:30 pm, and advised that a briefing was not required.
Litchfield City Council (Robertson Barracks)	Ms Maree Bredhauer, Mayor	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Mayor's office 15 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the email. The project office also sought to confirm if a briefing is required. The Mayors office advised that a further briefing is not required.

Federal Member (Proof and Experimental Establishment)	Mr Nick Champion MP, Member for Wakefield	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 16 Nov 16. The office will confirm receipt of the letter regarding the project. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP requires a briefing or further information. The office is expected to advise if a briefing is required in the near future.
State Member (Proof and Experimental Establishment)	Mr Steven Griffiths MP, Member for Goyder	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Minister's electoral office 16 Nov 16. The office will confirm receipt of the letter regarding the project. The project office also sought to confirm if the MP requires a briefing or further information. The MPs office advised that a further briefing is not required.
Wakefield Regional Council (Proof and Experimental Establishment)	Mr Rodney Reid, Mayor	28 Oct 16	Telephone contact was made with the Mayor's office 16 Nov 16. The office confirmed receipt of the email. The project office also sought to confirm if a briefing is required. The office advised that a further briefing is not required.

EXAMPLE CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS 28 OCT 16

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

CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADE OF INDIRECT FIRE SUPPORT FACILITIES FOR LAND 17 1B/1C INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Defence wishes to inform you of planned facilities works proposed for your electorate under the infrastructure component of the LAND 17 1B/1C Infrastructure Project (The Project) at multiple sites across Australia. 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 viewed on the Committee's website at the following link:

http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works/LAND17Phase1B1C

It is proposed that facilities and infrastructure associated with The Project will be delivered at the following eight sites:

- Gallipoli Barracks, QLD;
- Lavarack Barracks, QLD;
- Robertson Barracks, NT;
- Campbell Barracks, WA;
- Proof and Experimental Establishment, SA;
- Bridges Barracks, VIC;
- Holsworthy Barracks, NSW; and
- RAAF Base Williamtown, NSW.

The Project will provide a range of infrastructure works to support the introduction into service of the new equipment to the Australian Defence Force under The Project. The proposed works include new simulator buildings, upgraded and new repair parts storage, vehicle shelters and associated hardstand.

Please feel free to contact myself if you would like further information on The Project and the works relevant to your electorate.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Haertsch
Lieutenant Colonel
Project Director
National Projects
Capital Facilities and Infrastructure Branch


28 October 2016

NEWSPAPER AND MEDIA ADVERTISEMENTS

The PWC Public Consultation sessions for the Project were advertised in the following newspapers:

Townsville Bulletin – Wed 02 Nov 16
North West News – Wed 02 Nov 16
Port Stephens Examiner – Thurs 03 Nov 16
Liverpool City Champion – Wed 02 Nov 16
Seymour Telegraph – Wed 02 Nov 16
The Advertiser – Wed 02 Nov 16
Guarding Express – Tues 01 Nov 16
The West Australian – Wed 02 Nov 16
Guardian Express – Tues 01 Nov 16
Northern Territory News – Wed 02 Nov 16

The following is an example of the newspaper advertisement.



Australian Government
Department of Defence
Defence Estate and Infrastructure Group

Notice of Proposed Development
Construction and Upgrade of Indirect
Fire Support Facilities for the LAND 17
1B/1C Infrastructure Project

The Department of Defence wishes to announce its intentions to progress works associated with the LAND 17 1B/1C Infrastructure Project (The Project) at multiple sites across Australia. 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:
www.sph.gov.au/ParliamentaryBusiness/Committees/joint/PublicWorks/Land171B-1C

It is proposed that facilities and infrastructure associated with The Project will be delivered at the following sites:

- Gallipoli Barracks, QLD
- Lavarack Barracks, QLD
- Robertson Barracks, NT
- Campbell Barracks, WA
- Proof and Experimental Establishment, SA
- Bridges Barracks, VIC
- Holsworthy Barracks, NSW
- RAAF Base Williamtown, NSW

The works proposed to be delivered by The Project will provide new and upgraded facilities and infrastructure to support the introduction, operation and deployment of the new ADF artillery capability.

Project specific information can be found at the following link:
www.defence.gov.au/ld/LAND17/Default.asp

Please email any questions or queries regarding the proposed works to the Commonwealth's Project Manager/Contract Administrator at LAND17@GHD.com.

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION FOR THE LAND 17 1B/1C FACILITIES PROJECT

The following details the Public Information Session was held for the project:

BASE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, QLD	09 Nov 16	1700 – 1900h	Gaythorne Bowls Club	30

KEY QUESTIONS AND ISSUES RAISED DURING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION

A summary of the key issues and questions directed specifically to the LAND 17 1B/1C Facilities Project that were received during the Public Information Session, including the Defence responses provided, are indicated in the table below:

ISSUE/QUESTIONS	RESPONSE PROVIDED	COMMUNITY MEMBER
Will the project have a Traffic Management Plan that directs vehicles not to use nearby residential streets? (Gallipoli Barracks)	Subject to Parliamentary approval, the Head Contractor will be required to have a Traffic Management Plan that accords with the Gallipoli Barracks Traffic Management guidance. All contractors will be required to go through an induction process when they first attend site and will be directed to comply with it. (Project Director – LTCOL Haertsch)	Member of the Public – Mary Harbeck
As a result of LAND 17, will there be an increase in personnel using the Close Training Area at the back of Gallipoli Barracks?	No. The proposed project will deliver a simulation system for training soldiers. If there were any impact from the project it would see a reduction in the use of this area because of simulation. (Brigade Liaison Officer – David McGuire)	Member of the Public
What is the timeframe for construction works at Gallipoli Barracks? (Gallipoli Barracks)	The proposed project works are forecast to commence April 2016 and are scheduled for duration of 12 months across the entire project. As this project is subject to parliamentary approval and is yet to be tendered, a construction schedule for Gallipoli Barracks is yet to be determined within the 12 month window. (Project Director - LTCOL Haertsch)	Member of the Public