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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 OF THE
ENHANCED GAP CROSSING CAPABILITY FACILITIES FOR THE LAND 155
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

This letter is to inform the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) of the nature and extent of community consultation as part of LAND 155 Construction of Enhanced Gap Crossing Capabilities Facilities Project (the Project).

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

- a. Was well informed about the Project by using effective and proved communication channels to convey details of the proposed works; and
- b. 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:

- a. Letters advising the nature and locations of proposed works and offer for individual briefings being sent by email and receipt confirmed by telephone to the Sandy Point Progress Association, State and Federal members as outlined at Annex A. An example of the correspondence sent to the members and group on 03 March 2017 via email is provided at Annex B;
- b. Advertisements in local and federal newspapers, as detailed and listed at Annex C;
- c. Leaflets drops to residents near the works at Lavarack Barracks and Camp Sapper advising them of the works, website for further details and Public Information Sessions. Locations of the leaflet drops and an example of this correspondence is detailed at Annex D;
- d. Public Information Sessions were undertaken for the works at Lavarack Barracks and Camp Sapper as detailed at Annex E;
- e. Provision of a project specific website, <http://www.defence.gov.au/id/Land155>; and
- f. Provision of a project specific email to receive community feedback, LAND155@ghd.com.

Key issues raised by the community at the Community Consultation Sessions and the responses provided by Defence are outlined at Annex F.

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 taken 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

2/ April 2017

Annexes:

- A. List of Stakeholders Consulted
- B. Example Correspondence sent by email to Key Stakeholders
- C. Newspaper and Media Advertisements
- D. Leaflet drop location maps and Correspondence
- E. Public Information Sessions for the LAND 155 Project
- F. 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	03 Mar 17	Telephone contact was made with the Member's electoral office 06 Mar 17 to confirm receipt of the letter to key stakeholders. The member's office requested information regarding the project at Lavarack Barracks on 06 Mar 17. The project office sent a response to the member's office on 07 Mar 17 directing them to the Defence Project website with an offer of more information if required.
Federal Member (Lavarack Barracks)	Mr George Christensen MP, Member for Dawson	03 Mar 17	Telephone contact was made with the Member's electoral office 06 Mar 17 to confirm receipt of the letter to key stakeholders. Two more calls were made to the electoral office asking whether they had received the original correspondence. Neither the member, nor the member's staff acknowledged or returned these calls.
State Member (Lavarack Barracks)	Mr Dale Last MP, State Member for Burdekin	03 Mar 17	Telephone contact was made with the Member's electoral office 06 Mar 17 to confirm receipt of the letter to key stakeholders. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 03 Mar 17. The project office requested that they could call if the MP required a briefing or further information.
Townsville City Council (Lavarack Barracks)	Ms Jenny Hill, Mayor of Townsville	03 Mar 17	Telephone contact was made with the Mayor's office 06 Mar 17 to confirm receipt of the letter to key stakeholders. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 03 Mar 17. The project office requested that they could call if the Mayor required a briefing or further information.
Federal Member (Liverpool Military Area inclusive of Camp Sapper)	Mr Craig Kelly MP, Member for Hughes	03 Mar 17	An automated response was received from the Member's Office on 03 Mar 17. Telephone contact was made with the Member's electoral office 06 Mar 17 to confirm receipt of the letter to key stakeholders. The project office requested that they could call if the Member required a briefing or further information.

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State Member (Liverpool Military Area inclusive of Camp Sapper)	Ms Melanie Gibbons MP, Member for Holsworthy	03 Mar 17	Telephone contact was made with the Member's electoral office 06 Mar 17 to confirm receipt of the letter to key stakeholders. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 03 Mar 17. The project office requested that they be contacted if the MP required a briefing or further information. The State Member was also emailed a copy of the Public Information Session invite.
Liverpool City Council (Liverpool Military Area inclusive of Camp Sapper)	Ms Wendy Waller, Mayor	03 Mar 17	An automated response was received from the Mayor's Office on 03 Mar 17. Telephone contact was made with the Member's electoral office 06 Mar 17 to confirm receipt of the letter to key stakeholders. The project office requested that they be contacted if the MP required a briefing or further information.
Sandy Point Progress Association (Proximity to Camp Sapper)	Mr Phillip Griffiths, President	16 Mar 17	Initial telephone call discussion on 07 Mar 17 with follow up email sent on 16 Mar 17. A subsequent phone call and voice message was also left on 16 Mar 17. No correspondence has been received from the Association indicating any concerns with the proposed works.
Federal Member (Robertson Barracks)	Mr Luke Gosling MP, Member for Solomon	03 Mar 17	Telephone contact was made with the Member's electoral office 06 Mar 17 to confirm receipt of the letter to key stakeholders. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 03 Mar 17. The project office requested that they be contacted if the Member required a briefing or further information.
Territory Member (Robertson Barracks)	Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson	03 Mar 17	Telephone contact was made with the Member's electoral office 06 Mar 17 to confirm receipt of the letter to key stakeholders. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 03 Mar 17. The project office requested that they be contacted if the Member required a briefing or further information.
Litchfield City Council (Robertson Barracks)	Ms Maree Bredhauer, Mayor	03 Mar 17	Telephone contact was made with the Mayor's office 06 Mar 17 to confirm receipt of the letter to key stakeholders. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 03 Mar 17. The project office requested that they be contacted should the Mayor require a separate briefing or further information.

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Federal Member (Wallangarra)	Mr David Littleproud MP, Member for Maranoa	03 Mar 17	An automated response was received from the Member's Office on 03 Mar 17. Telephone contact was made with the Member's electoral office 06 Mar 17 to confirm receipt of the letter to key stakeholders. The project office requested that they be contacted should the Member required a separate briefing or further information.
State Member (Wallangarra)	Hon Lawrence Springborg MP, Member for Southern Downs	03 Mar 17	Telephone contact was made with the Member's electoral office 06 Mar 17 to confirm receipt of the letter to key stakeholders. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 03 Mar 17. The project office requested that they be contacted should the Member required a separate briefing or further information.
South Downs Regional Council (Wallangarra)	Mrs Tracey Dobie, Mayor	03 Mar 17	Telephone contact was made with the Mayor's electoral office 06 Mar 17 to confirm receipt of the letter to key stakeholders. The office confirmed receipt of the correspondence emailed 03 Mar 17. The project office requested that they be contacted should the Member required a separate briefing or further information.

EXAMPLE CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS 03 MAR 2017

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

CONSTRUCTION OF ENHANCED GAP CROSSING CAPABILITY STORAGE FACILITIES FOR THE LAND 155 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Defence wishes to inform you of planned facilities works proposed for your electorate under the infrastructure component of the LAND 155 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/LAND1155

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

- Wallangarra, QLD;
- Lavarack Barracks, QLD;
- Robertson Barracks, NT; and
- Liverpool Military Area, NSW.

The Project will provide a range of infrastructure works to support the introduction into service, operation and deployment of the new Australian Defence Force bridging capability. The proposed works include new 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


March 2017

NEWSPAPER AND MEDIA ADVERTISEMENTS

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

The Weekend Australian – Sat 11 Mar 17
Liverpool City Champion – Wed 15 Mar 17
Townsville Bulletin – Wed 15 Mar 17
Warwick Daily News – Wed 15 Mar 17
Toowoomba Chronicle – Wed 15 Mar 17
Northern Territory News – Wed 15 Mar 17

The following are examples of the newspaper advertisements.



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Notice of Proposed Development Construction of Enhanced Gap Crossing Capability Storage Facilities for the LAND 155 Infrastructure Project

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More information on the PWC process, how to make submissions and The Project can be found at: http://www.oph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works/LAND155

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

- Wallangarra, QLD
- Lavarack Barracks, QLD
- Robertson Barracks, NT
- Liverpool Military Area, 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 bridging capability.

Project specific information can be found at the following link:
www.defence.gov.au/ld/LAND155/Default.asp

Please email any questions or queries regarding the proposed works to the Commonwealth's Project Manager/Contract Administrator at LAND155@GHD.com

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

- Wallangarra, QLD
- Lavarack Barracks, QLD
- Robertson Barracks, NT
- Liverpool Military Area, 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 bridging capability.

Members of the public are invited to view the indicative plans for the proposed works to be undertaken at Lavarack Barracks, Townsville at a Public Information meeting. The meeting will be held at the date, time and location given below:

When: Tuesday 21 March 2017

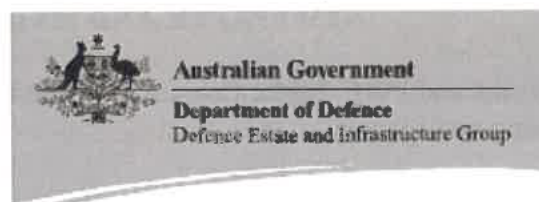
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Where: Annandale Community Centre, Annandale Shopping Centre, 67 - 101 MacArthur Drive, Annandale

Project specific information can be found at the following link: www.defence.gov.au/id/LAND155/Default.asp

Please email any questions or queries regarding the proposed works to the Commonwealth's Project Manager/Contract Administrator at LAND155@GHD.com

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- Robertson Barracks, NT
- Liverpool Military Area, NSW

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Members of the public are invited to view the indicative plans for the proposed works to be undertaken at Camp Sapper, Liverpool Military Area at a Public Information meeting. The meeting will be held at the date, time and location given below:

When: Wednesday 22 March 2017

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Where: Wattle Grove Community Centre, 8 Village Way, Wattle Grove

Project specific information can be found at the following link: www.defence.gov.au/id/LAND155/Default.asp

Please email any questions or queries regarding the proposed works to the Commonwealth's Project Manager/Contract Administrator at LAND155@GHD.com

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LEAFLET DROPS FOR THE LAND 155 FACILITIES PROJECT

The following details the leaflet drops at selected sites for the project, including location maps and an example of a leaflet:

BASE	DATE OF LEAFLET DROP	LOCATION	NUMBER OF HOUSES
Lavarack Barracks, Townsville, QLD	10 Mar 17	Wulguru, QLD	57
Camp Sapper, Liverpool Military Area, Sydney, NSW	13 Mar 17	Pleasure Point and Picnic Point, NSW	152



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Notice of Public Information Session

LAND 155 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

CONSTRUCTION OF ENHANCED GAP CROSSING STORAGE FACILITIES

The Department of Defence is proposing to progress works associated with the LAND 155 Infrastructure Project (The Project) across 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. More information on the PWC process, how to make submissions and the LAND 155 Infrastructure Project can be found at:

http://www.pwc.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works/LAND155

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

- Liverpool Military Area, NSW – including Holsworthy Barracks and Camp Sapper adjacent to the Georges River
- Lavarack Barracks, QLD
- Wallangarra, QLD
- Robertson Barracks, NT

The Project will provide a range of infrastructure works to the introduction into service of the new bridging equipment to the Australian Army under the LAND 155 project. The proposed works include new shelters and associated hardstand. Project specific information can be found at the following link:

<http://www.defence.gov.au/d1/LAND155/Default.asp>

Members of the public are invited to view the indicative plans for the proposed works to be undertaken at Camp Sapper, Liverpool Military Area at a Public Consultation meeting. A meeting will be held:

When: Wednesday 22 March 2017

Time: 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Where: Wattle Grove Community Centre, 8 Village Way, Wattle Grove NSW 2173

Please email any queries to LAND155@dhd.com



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION FOR THE LAND 155 FACILITIES PROJECT

The following details the Public Information Sessions that were held for the project:

BASE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ATTENDEES
Lavarack Barracks, Townsville, QLD	21 Mar 17	1800 – 1900h	Annandale Community Centre	3
Liverpool Military Area, Sydney, NSW	22 Mar 17	1800 – 1900h	Wattle Grove Community Centre	1

KEY QUESTIONS AND ISSUES RAISED DURING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION

A summary of the key issues and questions directly related to the LAND 155 Facilities Project that were received during the Public Information Session, including the Defence responses provided, are indicated in the table below:

ISSUE/QUESTION	RESPONSE PROVIDED	COMMUNITY MEMBER
Site Liverpool Military Area: Question – Is any future work / other development planned for Camp Sapper?	Apart from the LAND 155 works at Camp Sapper the project is not aware of any other future works planned for this location.	Nearby resident -- Pleasure Point, NSW