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Committee Secretary
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
PO Box 6021
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

**Defence Fuel Transformation Project – Tranche 2
Garden Island Defence Precinct**

Reference is made to the proposed works at the Garden Island Defence Precinct as part of the Defence Fuel Transformation Project – Tranche 2 (the Project). The City of Sydney (the City) was advised of the Project in correspondence from the Department of Defence dated 26 September 2023.

It is understood that the Project was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in September 2023 and a Statement of Evidence prepared by the Department of Defence has been submitted.

The Statement of Evidence outlines the following works to be undertaken at the Garden Island Defence Precinct:

- (a) Construction of a new perpendicular wharf on the eastern side of Garden Island and provision of services distribution points and connecting dispensing pipework/ pumps from the maritime fuel installation to provide fuel, power, and water connections to suit design vessels; and
- (b) Demolition of the Gun Wharf structure, extraction of the fender piles and removal of copper potable water main on the Gun Wharf.

While the Statement of Evidence identifies potential impacts relating to visual, noise, environmental, heritage and traffic impacts, it contains insufficient detail to ensure the local community understands the extent of the likely impacts and how these impacts will be mitigated. The City therefore provides the following recommendations for consideration:

- A single perspective of the proposed works is provided on page 27 the Statement of Evidence. The image is not to scale, and the location and dimensions of the new structure are unclear. It is recommended that further drawings of the proposed works be provided, including the demolition of the Gun Wharf structure and construction of the new perpendicular wharf.
- The Statement of Evidence states that there will be no potential visual impacts to the local community as all sites are existing and the facilities will not materially increase the visual impacts on the local community. It is requested that further

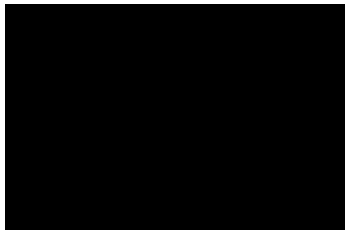
information be made available to demonstrate this, such as a Visual Impact Assessment.

- The Statement of Evidence acknowledges that the only site with the potential for construction noise related impacts is the Garden Island Defence Precinct. It is recommended that any noise and vibration impacts and subsequent mitigation methods be clearly identified, implemented, and communicated with affected residents.
- The Garden Island Defence Precinct is listed on the Commonwealth Heritage List and is also a State Heritage Item ('Sydney Harbour Naval Precinct' - I01705). It is noted as having high heritage significance. The Gun Wharf, which is proposed to be demolished, forms part of these listings. It is understood that a Heritage Impact Statement has been prepared which found that the heritage impacts can be managed with mitigation measures such as a photographic archival recording and preparation of a Heritage Management Plan. The City would appreciate the opportunity to review the Heritage Impact Statement and Heritage Management Plan so that the heritage impacts can be understood.
- It is essential that the future Construction Management Plan and Environmental Management Plan is adequately implemented so that any potential traffic impacts are managed.

The City would appreciate the opportunity discuss the Project with the Department of Defence to receive further information on its scope and associated impacts.

Should you wish to speak to a Council officer about this advice, please contact Samantha Kruize, Senior Planner on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,



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