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**Mr Graham Perrett MP**

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

Dear Mr Perrett

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT  
EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE FACILITIES NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES  
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

1. The Explosive Ordnance Facilities Northern New South Wales Redevelopment Project was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on 1 July 2024. The project proposes to deliver new and upgraded facilities and infrastructure at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills, New South Wales.
2. This report is to inform the Committee of the nature and extent of community consultation that has been undertaken by the Department of Defence for the proposed works. The aim of the consultation is to ensure local communities and other stakeholders are:
  - a. well informed about the project details through effective and proven communication channels; and
  - b. provided the opportunity to raise any concerns or issues, or to seek further information regarding the project so that, wherever feasible, Defence can address these in its proposed works.
3. The following stakeholder and community consultation activities have been undertaken in accordance with the project's comprehensive community engagement strategy:
  - a. Community information sessions were advertised in local newspapers in Sydney and the Penrith region, and were held in Glenmore Park on 9 May 2024. These details are included in the example advertisement shown at **Annex A**.
  - b. The type of information Defence presented to the public is shown at **Annex B**, and the level of attendance is provided at **Annex C**.
  - c. Key stakeholders, including Federal, State and Local Members of Government, and local Indigenous communities were invited to receive a personal briefing

about the project. An example of the invitation that was sent out is at **Annex D**, and a list of all stakeholders engaged by Defence, including the status of each engagement, is at **Annex E**.

- d. A project webpage, email address and phone number have been set up to receive submissions and questions about the project. These details are at **Annex F**.
- 4. Information about the proposed works was generally well received at the community information sessions and feedback to date has been supportive. A summary of topics and key issues raised during community information sessions and via the project email address and phone number is at **Annex G**.
- 5. Comments raised by members of the community focused on:
  - e. the project scope and if it involves further explosive ordnance training/activities, the planned relocation of personnel from Defence leased premises in Penrith, NSW, and traffic management along The Northern Road;
  - f. the new Western Sydney Airport and any potential impacts of new flight paths on the proposed works; and
  - g. opportunities for local industry participation in the proposed works.
- 6. Consultation activities have concluded. Defence will provide a briefing to Federal, State and Local Members of Government contacted during the consultation process should they request one.

Yours sincerely,

**RM Tilley**  
Air Commodore  
Director General Capital Facilities and Infrastructure

27 August 2024

**Annexes:**

- A. Newspaper Advertisements
- B. Examples of Community Information Session Resources (Information Boards)
- C. Community Information Session Attendance and Summary
- D. Example of Letter to Key Stakeholders
- E. Status of Key Stakeholder Communication
- F. Project Webpage, Project Email Address and Phone Number
- G. Summary of Topics and Key Issues Raised during Consultation

**NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS**

Location	Publication	Dates Published
Sydney and New South Wales	The Daily Telegraph	24 April 2024 Online from 24 April – 9 May 2024
Penrith Local Government Area	The Western Weekender	26 April 2024 4 May 2024

**EXAMPLE OF NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS**

**The Daily Telegraph**

Proposed Development Notices

**NOTICE OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION FORUMS  
EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE FACILITIES NORTHERN NSW  
REDEVELOPMENT**

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The proposed works include the demolition of old past-useable life buildings, refurbishment of support facilities and the construction of new classrooms, working accommodation, cadet facilities, base entry and security precinct, maintenance facilities and associated engineering services. If approved, the proposed works will be mainly situated on Defence managed land, with infrastructure services to be connected to pre-existing service points outside of Defence managed land.

The works are proposed to commence late 2024.


Information about the proposed works will be available at the forums with representatives from the Department of Defence available to answer any questions.

Community Information Forum Details  
DATE: TIME: VENUE:  
09 May 2024  
09 May 2024 1000 - 1200  
1600-1900 HomeCo Glenmore Park  
HomeCo Glenmore Park

If you would like further information on the forums, please contact the Project Team via email at [NNSWEO@jacobs.com](mailto:NNSWEO@jacobs.com) or via phone on 0456 294 362.

## The Western Weekender – 26 April and 4 May 2024

With calls for better safety equipment, Field [news@westernweekender.com.au](mailto:news@westernweekender.com.au).



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09 May 2024	16:00 - 1900	HomeCo Glenmore Park

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Friday, April 26, 2024 « the western weekender

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## **EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION RESOURCES INFORMATION BOARDS AND POSTERS**



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**EST2019**

**Explosive Ordnance Facilities  
Northern NSW Redevelopment**

EST2019 – Explosive Ordnance Facilities Northern NSW Redevelopment Project aims to provide a comprehensive redevelopment at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills to ensure fit-for-purpose facilities and infrastructure.

### **PROPOSED PROJECT DETAILS**

#### **Defence Establishment Orchard Hills:**

- New Explosive Ordnance training school facilities
- Living-in accommodation
- Upgraded engineering services
- Working accommodation
- Small gymnasium and multi-purpose court
- Upgraded base entry and security

### **PROJECT CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

Defence Establishment Orchard Hills – by Managing Contractor Delivery from 2024 to 2029. The proposed works include demolition of the old past-useable life buildings, refurbishment of support facilities and the construction of new facilities.

### **Community Issues**

#### **Indigenous Heritage:**

- The Project will comply with Defence's Heritage Management Plans for the Project sites.
- The Project has directly engaged with the local traditional Aboriginal and Indigenous organisations around Defence Establishment Orchard Hills and Defence Depot Myambat.

#### **Environment and Heritage**

- Defence has assessed the proposed works, and the works will be managed via Defence Environmental Clearance Certificates.





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**EST2019**

Explosive Ordnance Facilities  
Northern NSW Redevelopment

Where do I make a comment or ask questions?

If you have a comment or question today, please approach the representatives at this forum.

- If you have a comment or question after the forum, please contact the Project team at: [NNSWEO@jacobs.com](mailto:NNSWEO@jacobs.com) or via phone on 0456 294 362
- Once the proposed project has been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, you will be able to find further information and make a submission at the inquiries page:

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

- Further details will be updated on the Project webpage:  
<https://www.defence.gov.au/about/locations-property/infrastructure-projects/explosive-ordnance-facilities-northern-nsw-redevelopment>



← Project Webpage

Project Mailbox →

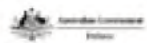


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**New Base Entry**



**New Explosive Ordnance Facilities  
New Explosive Ordnance Services Contractor Administrative  
Building**





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**New Combined Working Accommodation**



**New Base Support Facilities**  
**New Living In Accommodation**





**B-5**

**New Defence Explosive Ordnance Training School Headquarters**



**New Defence Explosive Ordnance Training School Classrooms**



**B-6**

**New Defence Explosive Ordnance Training School Practical Training Hub**



**New B Flight 65 Squadron Multipurpose Facilities**



## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION ATTENDANCE AND SUMMARY**

### Details

Two Community Information sessions were held on 9 May 2024 at HomeCo, Glenmore Park Shopping Centre, New South Wales. The sessions were held at 9:00am to 12:00pm and 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

### Resources

There were 10 display boards, including two information boards and eight picture boards shown at **Annex B**. The Defence Consultation Team included members from:

- Defence's Project Delivery Team
- Consultant Project Management Team

### Attendance

<b>Number of attendees</b>	<b>Interest Group</b>
<b>HomeCo Glenmore Park – 9 May 2024</b>	
7	Local residents
2	Defence Employees
3	Job seekers
<b>Total: 12</b>	

Key points raised during the community information sessions included:


- Project scope and if it involves further explosive ordnance training/activities.
- The movement of personnel from Danallam House (Defence leased premises in Penrith, NSW).
- Traffic management along The Northern Road.
- Western Sydney Airport and the perception of impacts of new flight paths on the Project works.
- Opportunities for job seekers in the proposed work.

Further information is detailed in **Annex G**.



## EXAMPLE OF LETTER TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Invitations for personal briefings were sent out to the Mayor, State and Federal Members, Local Indigenous Organisations in Orchard Hills and Myambat. An example of an invitation sent to key stakeholders is provided below.

	<b>Australian Government</b> <b>Department of Defence</b> Security and Estate Group	<div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Project Director GWEO and Logistics PMO <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera QLD 4051 <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>
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<b>EST2019 Explosive Ordnance Facilities Northern NSW Redevelopment</b>		
<i>Dear</i> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>		
<p>On behalf of the Department of Defence, I would like to inform you of works proposed at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills in NSW under the EST2019 Explosive Ordnance Facilities Northern NSW Redevelopment project which is subject to parliamentary approval. This letter supersedes the initial letter issued on 30 June 2023.</p> <p>Defence Establishment Orchard Hills is an enduring site for Defence and provides explosive ordnance storage, maintenance and distribution services. It is also Defence's primary explosive ordnance training facility in the safe handling, storage, maintenance and disposal of explosive ordnance.</p> <p>The proposed works at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Explosive Ordnance training school facilities, administration building, living-in accommodation, cadet facilities, working accommodation, and shared services (including wellbeing facilities).</li><li>• Upgraded base entry and security, and associated engineering services that will require connection to supply authority distribution networks.</li></ul> <p>The works are proposed to commence in early 2025 and will generate employment opportunities in the local construction sector and related support sectors.</p> <p>If you or your staff would like a personal briefing on the proposed works, please contact the Project Manager / Contract Administrator <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> at <a href="mailto:NNSWEO@jacobs.com">NNSWEO@jacobs.com</a> or via phone on 0456 494 362.</p> <p>The Department of Defence is seeking a referral of the project to the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration in the second quarter 2024 and we expect that the Committee will arrange for a Public Hearing. Those details will be advised once confirmed.</p> <p><i>Yours sincerely</i></p> <div style="background-color: black; width: 150px; height: 50px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>		
Project Director GWEO and Logistics PMO		
26 April 2024		



## STATUS OF KEY STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	NOTES
<b>FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP Federal Member for Lindsay	<p><b>29 April 2024.</b> Defence emailed a letter to Mrs McIntosh providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Defence contacted Mrs McIntosh via email to confirm whether a briefing was required.</p> <p><b>19 June 2024.</b> Defence was contacted by Mrs McIntosh, requesting a briefing on 22 July 2024.</p> <p><b>22 July 2024.</b> Joint Briefing with Guided Weapons Explosive Ordnance Storage Program Tranche 2. Mrs McIntosh was supportive of the project. Questions were raised regarding the community engagement, impacts of the airport, the scope and requested information on the environmental offset area.</p>
Mr Dan Repacholi MP Federal Member for Hunter	<p><b>30 April 2024.</b> Defence emailed a letter to Mr Repacholi providing project information including removal of Myambat scope, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Defence contacted Mr Repacholi via email to confirm no brief was required.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Mr Repacholi responded noting a briefing is not required.</p>
<b>STATE/TERRITORY GOVERNMENT</b>	
Mrs Tanya Davies MP State Member for Badgerys Creek	<p><b>29 April 2024.</b> Defence emailed a letter to Mrs Davies providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p><b>30 April 2024.</b> Mrs Davies requested a personal briefing on the project.</p> <p><b>21 May 2024.</b> Briefing conducted. Concerns were raised by Mrs Davies regarding PFAS on/off site and associated reports from Defence. Details are noted in <b>Annex F</b>.</p>
Mr David Robert Layzell State Member for Upper Hunter	<p><b>30 April 2024.</b> Defence emailed a letter to Mr Layzell providing project information including removal of Myambat scope, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Defence contacted Mr Layzell via email to confirm no brief was required.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Mr Layzell responded noting a briefing is not required.</p>




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LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Councillor Todd Carney Penrith City Mayor	<p><b>29 April 2024.</b> Defence emailed a letter to Mr Todd Carney providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Defence contacted Mr Carney via email to confirm whether a briefing was required.</p> <p><b>5 August 2024.</b> Joint Briefing with Guided Weapons Explosive Ordnance Storage Program Tranche 2. Mr Carney queried the outcome of the community consultation session and sought to understand the explosive ordnance safeguarding arc limitations on the surrounding community. Mr Carney expressed satisfaction with the responses provided by Defence.</p>
Mr Steven Reynolds Muswellbrook City Mayor	<p><b>30 April 2024.</b> Defence emailed a letter to Mr Reynolds providing project information including removal of Myambat scope, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Defence contacted Mr Reynolds via email to confirm whether a briefing was required.</p> <p><b>13 June 2024.</b> Mr Reynolds responded noting the letter cannot be located, however, requested a briefing.</p> <p>Project Manager/Contract Administrator responded with the letter and noted there are no works proposed for Myambat and requested to confirm if a briefing would be required.</p> <p>No response has been received to date.</p>
Mr Richard Fox President Penrith Valley Chamber of Commerce	<p><b>29 April 2024.</b> Defence emailed a letter to Mr Fox providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Defence contacted Mr Fox via email to confirm whether a briefing was required.</p> <p>No response has been received to date.</p>
Mrs Ganelle Scotts Secretary Muswellbrook Chamber of Commerce	<p><b>30 April 2024.</b> Defence emailed a letter to Mrs Scotts providing project information including removal of Myambat scope, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Defence contacted Mrs Scotts via email to confirm whether a briefing was required.</p> <p>No response has been received to date.</p>
COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS GROUP	
Ms Corina Wayali Norman Cultural Consultant Darug Ngurra Aboriginal Corporation	<p><b>29 April 2024.</b> Defence emailed a letter to Ms Norman providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Defence contacted Ms Norman via email to confirm whether a briefing was required.</p> <p>No response has been received to date.</p>

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<p>Mr Athol Smith Chair, Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council</p>	<p><b>29 April 2024</b> Defence emailed a letter to Mr Smith providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Defence contacted Mr Smith via email to confirm whether a briefing was required.</p> <p>No response has been received to date.</p>
<p>Ms De-Anne Douglas CEO, Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council Musswellbrook</p>	<p><b>30 April 2024.</b> Defence emailed a letter to Ms Douglas providing project information, including removal of Myambat scope, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Defence contacted Ms Douglas via email to confirm whether a briefing was required.</p> <p>No response has been received to date.</p>
<p>Gary Wright Director, Hunter Valley Aboriginal Corporation</p>	<p><b>30 April 2024.</b> Defence emailed a letter to Mr Wright providing project information, including removal of Myambat scope, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Defence contacted Mr Wright via email to confirm whether a briefing was required.</p> <p>No response has been received to date.</p>
<p>Ms Taasha Layer CEO, Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation</p>	<p><b>30 April 2024.</b> Defence emailed a letter to Ms Layer providing project information, including removal of Myambat scope, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p><b>7 June 2024.</b> Defence contacted Ms Layer via email to confirm whether a briefing was required.</p> <p>No response has been received to date.</p>

**PROJECT WEBPAGE, EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER**



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# Explosive Ordnance Facilities Northern NSW Redevelopment

## Overview

The aim of the Explosive Ordnance Facilities Northern NSW Redevelopment, at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills, Mulgoa NSW, is to ensure fit-for-purpose facilities and infrastructure.

## Contacts

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[nnsweo@jacobs.com](mailto:nnsweo@jacobs.com)

## Community information

Defence recognises the importance of providing local residents, statutory authorities and other interested stakeholders with an opportunity to provide input into, or raise concerns relating to the project.

Consultation on the proposed works will occur with Federal and State Parliamentary members as well as the local council, Chamber of Commerce or equivalent, and the community.


## Community consultation

Community consultation will be held on Thursday 9 May 2024.

Session times:

- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

HomeCo, Glenmore Park Town Centre  
1 Town Terrace, Glenmore Park NSW 2745.

 [Explosive ordnance facilities northern NSW redevelopment location and images \(PDF, 224.06 KB\)](#)

**EO NNSW Phone No:** 0456 294 362

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## **SUMMARY OF TOPICS AND KEY ISSUES RAISED DURING CONSULTATION**

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>RAISED BY</b>	<b>DEFENCE RESPONSE</b>
Accommodation on Base.	Local Resident	Defence will be providing one living-in accommodation building consisting of 60 rooms for Defence personnel.
Government Housing for public.	Local Residents	No, the project would be undertaking infrastructure works within the boundaries of Defence Establishment Orchard Hills. It would not be publicly accessible.
Construction of explosives and missiles.	Local Residents	The project would not be delivering any explosives or missile facilities. Explosive Ordnance Facilities Northern NSW Redevelopment would focus on infrastructure redevelopment to support the Defence capability. Works would be undertaken from 2025 until 2028-29.
Amount of munitions coming to Orchard Hills.	Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP Federal Member for Lindsay	There will be more munitions coming to the Base, hence the need for expansion via the Guided Weapons Explosive Ordnance Project. A number of Bases across Australia would be developed for additional storage.
Expansion of the Base – Is it standalone works or happening across the country?	Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP Federal Member for Lindsay	There is an increased storage requirement for explosive ordnance for Defence that will be expanding across the Country over the next five years. New storage areas are also being looked at.
Changes in safety arc.	Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP Federal Member for Lindsay	There are no changes in safety arc, despite increase in explosives stored on site.
Does the safety arc cover the school on the Northern side of the Base?	Penrith Council	No, the school buildings are not within the purple line (major buildings exclusion zone).
Explosive Ordnance Training on Base.	Local Resident	The project would be undertaking infrastructure and new building works to support Defence capability.

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If an explosion takes place, which way would it go?	Penrith Council	The buildings are sited to minimise the impact. For an Earth Covered Building the door is the weakest point.
Total Area of the Base.	Local Resident	The Base covers a significant area. Large area is required to support Defence functions and training predominantly for explosive ordnance capability.
Current use of the Base.	Local Residents	The Base is used for Defence training and explosive ordnance storage and maintenance. The base also has Australian Defence Force (ADF) Cadet Facilities and other Administrative Building.
Change in Use of the Base.	Local Residents	There are no changes in the use of the base. All planned works are located within the domestic base support precinct.
Alternative use of the DEOH as a hospital to support the local community.	Local Resident	Feedback noted.
Concerns about polluted soil on Base.	Local Resident with an interest to the West of the Northern Road	There is a variety of contamination due to historical use of the Base. However, the proposed construction is not expected to affect/impact these areas on site or cause an off-site impact to the West of the Northern Road.
RAAF Richmond would be considering another site and moving out of the Richmond area due to flooding.	Local Resident	Unsure, comment noted.
There is now a new Army badge at DEOH. Confirm the intended use of the Base.	Local Resident	There is Army, Navy and Air Force personnel on Base working mainly within explosive ordnance capability. There are also Cadet facilities and Administration support on base.
The briefing noted the base is a 'retail' facility for explosives. Explain the intent behind the use of the word 'retail'.	Mrs Tanya Davies State Member for Badgerys Creek	The term 'retail' is used to mean that Defence Establishment Orchard Hills provides explosive ordnance storage and distribution to ADF units in the Sydney region incl. Army, Navy and Air Force. Defence Estate Orchard Hills additionally is a 'specialist' facility providing maintenance, storage

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		and distribution of guided weapons explosive ordnance.
What is the Project scope?	Local Residents	The project scope includes infrastructure service works to support the Base and Defence capability and building works, including new Living-in Accommodation, wellbeing facilities and training facilities. The works are located within the Domestic Base Support precinct.
Works in the Explosive Storage Area.	Defence Employee	There are minimal planned infrastructure services works in the Explosive Storage Area. The project is a redevelopment project and planning is focused on upgrading infrastructure services and buildings incl. Living In Accommodation, wellbeing facilities and training facilities in the Domestic Base Support precinct of Defence Establishment Orchard Hills.
Movement of personnel from Danallam House to the Multistorey Building.	Defence Employee	The planned works include consolidation of several Base functions, including those undertaken at Danallam House leased premises in Penrith, into a single multi-use Administration Building.
Is this project relating to another Project involving dismantling of weapons?	Mrs Tanya Davies State Member for Badgerys Creek	There have been two newly built facilities in the past five years. They are the Navy Guided Weapons Program and Nulka. They are both located within the Explosive Storage Area and involve the maintenance of Guided Weapons. However, this project primarily upgrades the Base administrative support precinct, outside the Explosive Storage Area arcs.
The cadet facilities project was approved a while ago, why is it being delivered late?	Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP Federal Member for Lindsay	The Cadet facilities were delayed due to COVID and the Defence Strategic Review. Due to the delays, the cadet facilities will be delivered by this project.
Total Project Budget.	Local Resident	Total project budget is \$326.6m, which includes renewal of infrastructure services, support buildings and current facilities.
Means of spending – whether it would be via a private entity.	Local Resident	The project will be constructed via a Managing Contractor Contract over approximately three and a half years.

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Timeframe to spend \$326.6 million via a Defence Project.	Defence Employee Local Resident	Subject to Parliamentary approval, the design team will finalise the project design, procure sub-contractor work packages and commence construction by mid-2025 and completing the works by early 2029.
Expected completion.	Local Resident	Early 2029, subject to Parliamentary approval.
Expected Commencement.	Defence Employee (Danallam House Resident) Defence Employee	Subject to Parliamentary approval, the works are expected to commence by mid-2025 following completion of design and procurement of sub-contractor work packages,
Management of noise contamination during construction.	Mrs Tanya Davies, State Member for Badgerys Creek	The working hours are standard working hours in accordance with NSW Government Planning and Construction Guidelines. Noise levels will be managed in accordance with the NSW law as well.
Front entry and Cadet Facilities at DEOH.	Local Resident (Children at Cadet Facilities)	There is a planned a new front entry gate to reduce congestion and separate drop offs for Cadets. There are new buildings for ADF Cadets.
Alternative entry to the base during construction.	Defence Employee	Throughout construction the entry to the base will be upgraded including temporary access arrangements managed by the Contractor. The security of the Base will also be maintained.
Ensure fire brigade and other emergency services access is maintained throughout the project.	Local Resident	Emergency services access will be managed during the works; the Contractor will be required to include that within their submission.
Any offset area by Western Sydney Airport or DEOH where it cannot be developed.	Local Resident	There is a large area for environment offset, which cannot be developed. It is a permanent area allocated as offset space as part of Western Sydney Airport project approval.
Impacts on environmental offset area due to the development.	Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP  Federal Member for Lindsay	The offset area is still in place. The Project is in the process of requesting permission to have the road access through the offset area. There are guidelines on using the areas. Defence is managing the areas in line with the Offset Management Plan. <i>(Following the meeting, Defence issued the guidelines link to the Member).</i>



Flightpath would be over the base.	Local Residents	Flight from the west would not impact the Base. The Western Sydney Airport flightpath plan is publicly available and shows that none over fly the Base. However, should it cause any issues, it will be discussed with relevant authorities. Feedback noted.
The flight path goes over the Western Highway, which would impact the library, university, performing arts centre and 40 schools.	Local Resident	Comment noted. However, this project would have no impact on the Western Sydney Airport project.
Would the project be impacted by the new airport works?	Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP  Federal Member for Lindsay	The Western Sydney Airport was designed around the Base. The no-fly zones would still remain. The project will not be impacting or changing these guidelines in place.
Would the project impact the airport works?	Job Seeker	It is not expected that this proposal will impact the Western Sydney Airport project.
The flights would be flying as low as 1000 ft, as per a recent meeting.	Local Resident	Comment noted. Defence will coordinate with the Western Sydney Airport if required, should issues arise.
Potential employment opportunities.	Job Seekers	The project is managed via a Managing Contractor Contract. There will be job opportunities generated within the Western Sydney area within the construction sector.
Who is the Managing Contractor, where are they located and how big is the company?	Job Seeker	The Managing Contractor is Hansen Yuncken (HY). They are located in Alexandria. HY is a large tier 2 company.
NSW Government had a focus on the Orchard Hills area for further development. As a part of it, there was PFAS investigation undertaken at the waterways. Defence was involved	Mrs Tanya Davies,  State Member for Badgerys Creek	The project has undertaken PFAS investigation in the work area where the project would be undertaken. There is little to no PFAS contamination within these areas. Should PFAS be encountered, it will be treated in accordance with the Defence PFAS Management Guidelines. There is a Branch within Defence that manages PFAS. The issue will be raised with the PFAS Team for a response. The member of Parliament was given the

and was required to provide a response regarding PFAS contamination within the Defence land. However, the response has been quite delayed. Are you/a Defence representative able to respond regarding the matter at the earliest?		contact details for the Defence PFAS team member who deals with Orchard Hills to provide further information.
Representatives at the Community Forum.	Defence Employee (Danallam House Resident)	Defence representatives and the Consultants.
Status of business case.	Defence Employee (Danallam House Resident)	We are currently proceeding with Parliamentary approval.
Resident opposite Orchard Hills continues to receive mail and deliveries intended to go to the Base. Resident raised concerns with the security on base, however, nil actions were carried out.	Local Resident	Comment noted. Project to raise with Base Management for improvement.
Community engagement during the Project.	Mrs Melissa McIntosh MP  Federal Member for Lindsay	Community consultation sessions were held earlier this year. The public was informed via newspaper advertising and a community consultation day was held, where the public could ask questions. The project is on the PWC website, and as a part of the process, the public has been engaged. The community is welcome to make submissions online via the PWC website. Moreover, the PMCA have group mailbox and phone number. These details have been released to the public. Engagement with local council, local indigenous groups and NSW planning took place as well.
What questions were raised during	Penrith Council	There were questions regarding the increased explosive ordnance storage on Base. The safety arcs are not changing, despite the increase in explosives

Community engagement?		<p>storage. There were concerns on if the Projects would affect the future development of Orchard Hills by NSW Planning.</p> <p>Defence has been engaging with NSW Planning for a while on the development and as there are no changes in safety arcs, there is no impact in what NSW Planning proposes to do in the nearby areas. An expert from the Explosive Ordnance Storage Branch was available at the Community Consultation and covered details regarding storage of explosives. Most public was reasonably happy; some are concerned about the storage of explosives on the Base.</p>
Mr Todd Carney stated that no concerns were raised by the residents to the Council. There was a media report published, however, no reports were seen subsequently.	Penrith Council	<p>Comment noted. There was engagement of the Public by the PWC as well, via the PWC website. Guided weapons project had four submissions, while this project had one submission. Most comments were about explosive ordnance storage. Defence was expecting that feedback at the commencement of the project.</p>