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Mr Graham Perrett, MP

Chair

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Perrett,

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TAKEN
DURING THE HEARING INTO THE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE NORTHERN NEW
SOUTH WALES REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

1. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works held a Public Hearing and an In-camera Hearing for the Explosive Ordnance Northern New South Wales Redevelopment Project on 26 September 2024. During the Public Hearing, two questions were taken on notice.

2. **Question from Mr Zapia:** Did you get a written response from State Planning and the Local Council, and can those responses be provided to the Committee?

3. **Response:** The Mayor of the Penrith City Council, Councillor Todd Carney, was given a personal briefing and did not request any further information following the briefing. A summary of the personal briefing was included in the Community Consultation Report provided to the Committee.

4. Defence has conducted significant engagement with the New South Wales Department of Planning and Environment (NSW DPE) regarding precinct planning for Orchard Hills. Defence's written communication with NSW DPE is at Enclosure 1, and provides information about Defence's use of Defence Establishment Orchard Hills and its impact on the surrounding community. Following the referral of the project, Defence engaged with NSW DPE to confirm that the project did not alter the information provided in Enclosure 1. Confirmation of this engagement is provided in Enclosures 2 and 3.

5. **Question from Mrs Andrews:** Are you able to provide a breakdown of the waste from the demolition of the buildings?

6. **Response:** The Managing Contractor, Hansen Yunken, has a company-wide landfill diversion target of 90%, which will apply to this project. The waste management strategy will be documented in the project's Site Management Plan.

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7. The demolition of buildings will produce various waste products, of which concrete, masonry, metal and timber can be recycled. The exact amount of waste products is currently unknown. During the delivery phase a waste sub-contractor will be engaged to collect and measure each type of waste by mass and volume and provide regular reports.

8. Plastics, polystyrene and building glass are not currently recyclable; however, if the waste sub-contractor is able to recycle these products in the future then they will be recycled. Hazardous material, such as asbestos, will be disposed of in accordance with Commonwealth and State legislation.

9. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further clarification.


Yours sincerely



RM Tilley
Air Commodore
Director General Capital Facilities and Infrastructure

1 October 2024

Enclosures:

1. 
2. Email titled Guided Weapons Explosive Ordnance Storage Program – any impacts on the explosive related development controls for nearby privately-owned land, dated 26 July 24.
3. Email titled Guided Weapons Explosive Ordnance Storage Program – any impacts on the explosive related development controls for nearby privately-owned land, dated 11 July 24.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 240711:1404 - Guided Weapons Explosive Ordnance Storage Program - any impacts on the explosive related development controls for nearby privately-owned land?
Date: Thursday, 11 July 2024 2:04:00 PM

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Hi Rob,

Thanks for your time on the phone yesterday.

As discussed there are two Defence projects that were referred to the Public Works Committee which are open for consultation until 30 July. The Defence submission provides further information on the project scope.

https://www.apf.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works

In short, the project will be building additional earth covered buildings for EO storage, there will be no changes to current safety arcs and no impact to training activities. Please let me know if you would still like a meeting from the project team.

Kind regards,
Adam

Adam Murray

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Sent: Monday, 8 July 2024 4:41 PM
To: SEG Land Planning and Regulation <land.planning@defence.gov.au>; Murray, Adam MR 3 [REDACTED]
Cc: Ellen McCormack [REDACTED] >; Matthew Black [REDACTED] >; Nicola O'Brien [REDACTED]
Subject: Guided Weapons Explosive Ordnance Storage Program - any impacts on the explosive related development controls for nearby privately-owned land?



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Hi Adam,

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We are keen to understand if this program and proposed upgrades will have any impacts on future development in Orchard Hills and Defence's previous land use planning advice (main letter attached).

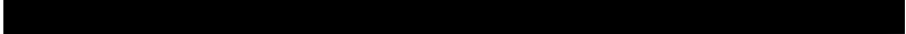
It would be good if we met with Defence during July to discuss the draft plans and our impending public exhibition for the first stage of the state-led rezoning in Orchard Hills.

Can you please send me some possible meeting dates for the week starting 22/7, for us to meet for a project update?

Thanks

Rob

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To: [Davis, Scott LTCOL 3](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 240726:1555 - [Murray, Adam MR 3]-[Davis, Scott LTCOL 3] Guided Weapons Explosive Ordnance Storage Program - any impacts on the explosive related development controls for nearby privately-owned land?
Date: Friday, 26 July 2024 3:55:35 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[2407111404 - Guided Weapons Explosive Ordnance Storage Program - any impacts on the explosive related development controls for nearby privately-owned land.msg](#)

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Hi Scott,

Apologies for not coming back to you. I sent the attached email to NSW Planning and followed up with Rob on the phone. He was satisfied with the response and advised there are issues with PFAS that are more important for them at the moment.

They also advised the scale of the redevelopment has been reduced - they do not believe there will be any subdivisions west of Darvill Road which is north of DEOH.

Kind regards,
Adam

Adam Murray

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Sent: Friday, 26 July 2024 3:31 PM
To: Murray, Adam MR 3 [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Guided Weapons Explosive Ordnance Storage Program - any impacts on the explosive related development controls for nearby privately-owned land? [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Adam,

Did NSW Planning want to have a meeting?

Scott Davis

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From: Murray, Adam MR 3 <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2024 2:28 PM
To: Davis, Scott LTCOL 3 <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Guided Weapons Explosive Ordnance Storage Program - any impacts on the explosive related development controls for nearby privately-owned land? [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks Scott,

I will talk to NSW Planning to see if they still require a meeting.

Kind regards,
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Adam,

In short the project is building additional storage only and there will be no changes to the safety arcs on the safe guarding map that you sent them.

The project will also have no impact on training activities

Happy to have a meeting to chat

cheers

Scott Davis

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Cc: [REDACTED] >

Subject: FW: Guided Weapons Explosive Ordnance Storage Program - any impacts on the explosive related development controls for nearby privately-owned land? [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning Scott,

We have received the below email from NSW Department of Planning who would like to understand more about the GWEO storage program at DEOH. For context, NSW Planning are responsible for drafting the planning documents that would facilitate the residential subdivision to the north of DEOH and are wondering if the upgrades would result in any impact. Attached is last year's Defence response that was drafted in consultation with multiple stakeholders including SADFO, BM, EO Branch, Environment and Engineering Branch and CFI. I would assume the EO arcs are still set to remain within the Defence boundary.

Would you or a representative be free to participate in an online meeting with NSW Planning to discuss the program?

Kind regards,
Adam

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