



Mr Graham Perrett MP

Chair

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Perrett

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT
HMAS HARMAN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

1. The HMAS *Harman* Redevelopment Project (the Project) was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on 27 September 2022. The Project proposes to deliver facilities and infrastructure at HMAS *Harman* in the Australian Capital Territory.
2. This letter is to inform the Committee of the nature and extent of community consultation that has been undertaken by the Department of Defence on these 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
 - b. provided the opportunity to raise any concerns or to seek further information so that, wherever feasible, Defence could address these in the program of works.
3. The following stakeholder and community consultation activities are being delivered in accordance with the Project's comprehensive community engagement strategy:
 - a. Advertising community information forum details in relevant local newspapers in the Canberra (ACT) and Queanbeyan (NSW) areas, and establishing a Project email address to receive submission and questions about the Project. These details were included in the advertising shown at **Annex A**.
 - b. Conducting two community information forums in Queanbeyan on 19 and 20 October 2022. 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. Inviting key stakeholders, including Federal, State and Local Members, and local community and business groups, to receive a personal briefing about the Project. An example of the invitation sent is at **Annex D**, and a list of all stakeholders engaged by the Project and the status of the engagement is provided at **Annex E**.
 - d. A summary of topics and key issues raised during community information forums are at **Annex F**.

4. Information about the works proposed was generally well received at the community information forums and feedback received to date has been supportive, and Defence has not been made aware of any objections to the proposed works.

5. Comments raised by the community mainly focused on the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service Memorial at HMAS *Harman*, with Defence advising that the Memorial will not be impacted by the Project.

6. Consultation activities continue, particularly the briefings to Local, State and Federal Members of Government. Ongoing activities can be further advised at the Hearing.

Yours sincerely,

RM Tilley
Air Commodore
Director General Capital Facilities and Infrastructure

24 October 2022

Annexes

- A. Newspaper Advertisements
- B. Community Information Forum Resources (Leaflet and Information Boards)
- C. Community Information Forum Attendance and Summary
- D. Example of Letter of Invitation to Key Stakeholders
- E. Status of Key Stakeholder Communications
- F. Summary of Topics and Key Issues Raised during Community Information Forums

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

Location	Publication	Delivery Area	Date Published
HMAS Harman	The Canberra Times	Australian Capital Territory and surrounding regions	Saturday 8 October 2022 Saturday 15 October 2022
HMAS Harman	The Queanbeyan Age	Online	Monday 11 October 2022 Monday 18 October 2022

THE CANBERRA TIMES – SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER 2022 EXAMPLE

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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

Dates & times: Wednesday 19 October 2022, 2:00pm-5:00pm
Thursday 20 October 2022, 12:00pm-3:00pm

Venue: Riverside Oval Meeting Room
14-21 Carinya Street, Queanbeyan 2620

If you would like further information on the forums, please contact the Project Team via email at HarmanRedevelopment@app.com.au.
(email account active until 16 December 2022).

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THE QUEANBEYAN AGE – FROM MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2022

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION FORUM RESOURCES

(COMMUNITY INFORMATION FORUM LEAFLET)



The HMAS Harman Redevelopment Project aims to deliver fit-for-purpose facilities and infrastructure that will support essential Defence activities, including administrative and personnel functions to support the Australian Defence Force. The proposed works include:

- New and upgraded engineering services infrastructure;
- New and refurbished office accommodation;
- Upgraded and expanded base entry precinct;
- New gymnasium; and
- Other minor refurbishment works.

Contact Information

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HMAS Harman
Australian Capital Territory

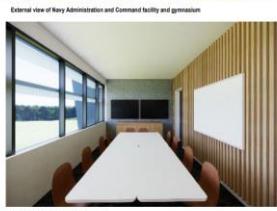
External view of base entry precinct

External view of Navy Administration and Command facility

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION FORUM RESOURCES
(INFORMATION BOARDS)

Facilities



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PROJECT ELEMENT 6 - GYMNASIUM

The existing gymnasium will be demolished and replaced with a new gymnasium that will include working accommodation, consolidated weights and cardio areas, and a reception area. The new gymnasium will be constructed adjacent to the existing covered basketball court, which will be enclosed to provide a multi-purpose court area for flexible use.



**COMMUNITY INFORMATION FORUM RESOURCES
(INFORMATION BOARDS)**



**COMMUNITY INFORMATION FORUM
ATTENDANCE AND SUMMARY**

Details

- 19 October 2022, 2pm to 5pm
- 20 October 2022, 12pm to 3pm
- Both forums were conducted at the Riverside Oval Meeting Room, Queanbeyan, NSW.

Resources

- Materials on display included a leaflet and the information boards shown at **Annex B**
- Defence consultation team in attendance included members from:
 - Defence's Project delivery team
 - Defence's consultant Project management and design teams
 - Key stakeholders from HMAS *Harman*

Attendance

Number of attendees	Interest Group
01 (19 Oct)	Local Residents
01 (20 Oct)	Women's Royal Australian Naval Service – Naval Women's Association (ACT)
Total: 2	

Key points raised and Defence's responses are detailed at **Annex F**

- Changes to the base entry precinct
- Impact on the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service Memorial

EXAMPLE OF LETTER OF INVITATION TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS



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Defence

Ms Kar Leng Chiu
Project Director
Capital Facilities and Infrastructure
PO Box 7925
CANBERRA BC ACT 2610

Mr David Smith MP
Member for Bean
205 Anketell Street
Tuggeranong ACT 2900

Dear Mr Smith,

HMAS HARMAN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

I would like to inform you of works proposed by the Department of Defence at HMAS *Harman*, Australian Capital Territory, under the HMAS *Harman* Redevelopment project (project). The project was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) on 27 September 2022. The project, which is subject to Parliamentary Approval, can be viewed on the PWC website:

[Department of Defence - HMAS Harman Redevelopment Project - Parliament of Australia](#)

The aim of the project is to address existing facilities and infrastructure at HMAS *Harman* that are aged and approaching the end of useful life. The proposed works will take place on Defence managed land at HMAS *Harman* and include new and upgraded engineering services infrastructure, new and refurbished office accommodation, an upgraded and expanded base entry precinct, a new gymnasium and refurbished living-in accommodation.

If you or your staff would like a personal briefing on the project, please contact via email at HarmanRedevelopment@app.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Kar Leng Chiu
Project Director
Capital Facilities and Infrastructure
11 October 2022

STATUS OF KEY STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	NOTES
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	
Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher Senator for ACT	<p>12 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>21 October 2022 – Defence followed up, response anticipated.</p>
Senator David Pocock Senator for ACT	<p>12 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to Senator Pocock, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>21 October 2022 – Senator Pocock's office advised that a briefing may be requested at a later date.</p>
Mr David Smith MP Federal Member for Bean	<p>12 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Smith MP, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>13 October 2022 – Mr Smith's office advised that a personal briefing is not necessary, noting he will receive a briefing as a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.</p>
Hon Dr Andrew Leigh MP Federal Member for Fenner	<p>12 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to the Hon Dr Leigh MP, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>21 October 2022 – Defence followed up, response anticipated.</p>
Hon Kristy McBain MP Federal Member for Eden-Monaro	<p>12 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to the Hon Ms McBain MP, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>21 October 2022 – Defence followed up, response anticipated.</p>
Ms Alicia Payne MP Federal Member for Canberra	<p>12 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to Ms Payne MP, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>21 October 2022 – Defence followed up, response anticipated.</p>

STATE/TERRITORY GOVERNMENT	
Mr Andrew Barr MLA Chief Minister of the ACT	12 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Barr MLA, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 21 October 2022 – Defence will brief Mr Barr's Deputy Chief of Staff on a date to be confirmed.
Mrs Nichole Overall MP State Member for Monaro	12 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to Mrs Overall MP, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 21 October 2022 – Defence followed up, response anticipated.
Hon Wendy Tuckerman MP State Member for Goulburn	21 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to the Hon Wendy Tuckerman MP, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	
Mayor Kenrick Winchester Mayor Queanbeyan	12 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to Mayor Winchester, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. 21 October 2022 – Defence followed up, response anticipated.
COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS GROUPS	
Mr Wally Bell Buru Ngunawal Aboriginal Corporation	21 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Bell, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.-
Mr Brad Eagle Evoenergy Group Manager Major Projects	21 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Eagle, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
Mr Michael Hopkins Master Builders Association of the ACT	21 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Hopkins, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.
National Capital Authority	21 October 2022 – Defence emailed a letter to the National Capital Authority, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.

SUMMARY OF TOPICS AND KEY ISSUES RAISED DURING COMMUNITY INFORMATION FORUMS

THEME	RAISED BY	DEFENCE'S RESPONSE
Interest shown in these redevelopment works - this local resident stated they had completed some work around HMAS <i>Harman</i> over the last few years.	Local Resident	The Project is a redevelopment which aims to deliver fit-for-purpose infrastructure and facilities that will support Defence personnel.
Whether the main entrance will be moving from its current location.	Local resident / Women's Royal Australian Naval Service – Naval Women's Association (ACT) (WRANS Association) member	The base entry will not move from its current location.
Relocation of the WRANS Memorial. Impact on the WRANS service scheduled for Saturday 22 October 2022.	Local Resident / Women's Royal Australian Naval Service – Naval Women's Association (ACT) (WRANS Association) member	The Project will not be relocating the Memorial. Defence followed up with an email on 21 October 2022 confirming that there were no changes to existing access arrangements for WRANS Association members and that Defence would consult with the WRANS Association prior to any move of the Memorial.
Relocation of heritage items in current buildings to the front of the Base	Local Resident / Women's Royal Australian Naval Service – Naval Women's Association (ACT) (WRANS Association) member	This may be considered in the future, but is not included in the Project.
Works to the Bonshaw Mess	Local Resident / Women's Royal Australian Naval Service – Naval Women's Association (ACT) (WRANS Association) member	The Project scope does not include any works to the Bonshaw Mess.