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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

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Dear Chair,

As the Federal Member for Leichhardt, I write in support of the Navy Capability Infrastructure Sub-program which I recently received a detailed briefing from Lieutenant Colonel PG Sims on the proposed works in my electorate.

The Navy Capability Infrastructure Sub-program is anticipated to create employment opportunities, investment and long term sustainability within the industry and associated sectors for the Far North.

I understand the project will support the introduction into servicing of the Hunter Class Frigates and the Arafura Class Offshore Patrol Vessels. The proposed works at HMAS Cairns include demolition of the existing Navy wharf, construction of a new wharf that will connect to and extend the existing Wharf 12, dredging and construction of new administration, logistics and maintenance facilities, as well as new engineering services.

This will also support the private investment already made into our region and open up new ventures.

I endorse this program and look forward to seeing it reach fruition.

Kind Regards

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