



5 September 2017

Mr Scott Bucholz MP
Office of the Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
PO Box 6021
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Bucholz

It gives me great pleasure in providing strong support to the Department of Defence's submission relating to the HMAS Cerberus redevelopment. The Mornington Peninsula Shire is proud to have the principal training location for the Royal Australia Navy within our municipality.

The defence sector plays a key role in Mornington Peninsula Shire's \$6.3 billion economy. The industry is worth \$547 million to our economic output with the base alone contributing 980 jobs to our local employment.

A \$460 million upgrade would provide a vital economic boost to our economy, creating a unique opportunity for our local businesses. As a result of this investment, there will be a further injection of \$496 million into our community with a total of 2600 jobs.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire looks forward to working closely with the Department of Defence in this redevelopment project to realise the opportunities for our community. I wish the Department of Defence every success in this vital project not only for our region but also for the training of future defence personnel.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Bev Colomb
Mayor
Mornington Peninsula Shire