

The Public Works Committee,

The Gallipoli Precinct Action Group Committee on behalf of its members but in particular those residents living in close proximity to the Lloyd St entrance to Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, would like to make a submission to the Public Works Committee regarding the Joint Health Command Facilities Upgrade - Gallipoli Barracks, Brisbane.

The Gallipoli Precinct Action Group Committee (GPAG) has presented a number of submissions to the Public Works Committee relating to proposed projects at Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera voicing concerns over a number of issues including but not limited to -

Community Consultation/Information/Communication

Access/Egress/Parking Facilities - Traffic Management Plan/ Non - Compliance.

Residents living in close proximity to Gallipoli Barracks have in the past voiced concerns over a lack of Community consultation / information provided by Defence when projects have been proposed, it was therefore encouraging to receive correspondence (27/11/2017) via email regarding the date of the Community Information session and a brief overview of the project.

It was disappointing though that residents living in close proximity to the main 24 hour operational gate of Gallipoli Barracks were not included as part of the letter box drop advising of this meeting.

Defence Submission page 12 - Consultation with Key Stakeholders (34 b) states "**letterbox drops to neighbouring residential areas potentially affected by the Construction works;**"

Response from the Joint Health Command Facilities Upgrade Project Team (12/12/2017) regarding the letter box drop area advised "**the Enoggera Barracks letterbox drop was completed on 27 November, 2017. Letters were distributed along O'Connell Street and Fraser Road (to Canberra Drive). The route was chosen based on the impact of construction noise on the properties.**"

It was considered by Defence that since Fraser Road residents (Ashgrove) will be impacted by construction noise there was no need to inform residents at the Lloyd St entrance. It was revealed at the Community Information Session (13/12/2017) that an "arrangement" has been made with residents in that area that No construction traffic will be allowed to use the Fraser Road gate to access or egress Gallipoli Barracks despite this being the closest access point and an operational Gate. This means that ALL construction will enter and egress via the main Lloyd Street gate impacting on residents in this area and adding to the already large traffic volumes and noise - clearly residents living in close proximity to the main Lloyd Street Entrance should have been included in the letter box drop.

All activity on base affects this local community e.g. - recent graduation ceremony for Army and Air force cadets were held on separate days at Gallipoli Barracks the most recent -13/01/2018. Traffic on the residential streets was "nightmarish" with streets parked out and bumper to bumper congestion on both Lloyd Street and Wardell Street. An apologetic family member of a graduating Air Force cadet lamented that very little information was provided as to the access route to Gallipoli Barracks and subsequent parking and civilians were seen directing traffic - this episode highlights ongoing lack of communication and planning by Defence.

Defence have advised local residents that the Traffic Management Plan for Gallipoli Barracks for **ALL** vehicles wishing to use the main Lloyd Street Entrance is via the arterial road of Wardell Street **NOT** through the local residential streets. A long, documented history regarding non-compliance to Traffic Management Plans and traffic directives exists and these issues are exacerbated when projects are undertaken at Gallipoli Barracks. These issues of non-compliance have formed the foundation of a number of submissions to the Public Works Committee by the GPAG and others over the past several years and **remain** problematic and unresolved.

The Joint Health Command Facilities Upgrade - Gallipoli Barracks, Brisbane.

Community Information Session held 13/12/2017.

The Upgrade at Gallipoli Barracks was likened to a Super GP Clinic.

It was suggested to Defence representatives that a designated permanent area be made available for blood donations. Defence had not given this any consideration. Presently the mobile blood van visits Gallipoli Barracks every three months for several days and is now not able to be situated within the main part of Gallipoli Barracks as Defence has stated it poses a security risk. The mobile blood van has been relocated to El Alamein Oval which is contrary to Defences' statement to Brisbane City Council 19 August 2014 regarding noise and use of the El Alamein Oval as part of the approval process for the adjoining DHA redevelopment at Wardell Street. The mobile blood van runs on a diesel generator 24 hours/day with noise and fumes impacting both residents and the 24hour manned/operational Enoggera Fire Station situated in close proximity. Parking is non-existent and safety in the area is compromised as ADF Personnel often park and double park on the nature strip to access the blood van.

In light of Defences' Submission - Work Health and Safety Measures page 33 (80) - "**All construction sites will be appropriately secured to prevent unauthorised access during the construction period**" it is unclear to the GPAG Committee how the mobile blood van cannot be secured on base.

The GPAG Committee deem it prudent to give due consideration to the inclusion of a designated blood donation area/facility as part of the upgrade particularly as donated blood would be considered Essential Services similar to the Pharmacy refrigerator and according to Defence Submission page 29 - Electrical Services (58) "**will have an uninterrupted power supply.**" At the very least a designated area for the blood van could be implemented in close proximity to the new Health Facility and connected to the electrical grid since this is a permanent arrangement for ADF Personnel (as advised by the Australian Mobile Blood Bank) and the Joint Health Command Facilities upgrade project includes provisions for footpaths and parking - Defence Submission page 31 Civil Works (67)

Contact Person -Feedback-Communication.

Defence Submission page 12 Consultation with Key Stakeholders (c)- ***"a website containing information of each of the sites, and a facility to respond with questions or feedback;"***

Defence Submission page 26 -Local Impact on Community, Roads and Traffic Concerns (45)

....."To ensure that the local communities are aware of the potential positive and negative impacts during the construction period, a website has been established with project information and the facility plans to allow comments or contact with the project team via email or phone."

The earlier Land 121 Facilities Project provided written assurance to the GPAG Committee (04/10/2016) that any project specific enquiries should be raised through the Land [121@jacobs.com email](mailto:121@jacobs.com) which will then be passed on to the LAND 121 Project Director for **immediate** action through the contractor. A request was made for a copy of the minutes taken at the Community Information Session held at the Gaythorne RSL 11/08/2016 with a view to follow up on any inaccuracies or statements requiring clarification. After a number of written requests and a face to face meeting with a representative from the Land 121 Project a copy was received on 30/06/2017 some 10 months after the initial meeting and subsequent request- will the same immediate response be actioned by the project team for the Joint Health Command Facilities Upgrade?

Traffic Management

Defenses Submission page 26 Local Impact on Community, Roads and Traffic Concerns (46) acknowledges - ***"During construction there will be a temporary increase in the number of large vehicles around each site as construction materials are delivered. Construction and traffic management control plans will be implemented to mitigate the effects of increased vehicles on local road networks. These measures may include the use of dedicated construction access gates at some sites to prevent delays to traffic using main roads or planning the construction traffic to avoid peak periods. "***

As stated at the outset, Access/Egress/Parking Facilities - Vehicular Non- Compliance to Traffic Management Plans and Traffic Directives by Gallipoli Barracks Traffic remains problematic and continues to affect the safety and amenity of the local residents. It would seem sensible to address and resolve these issues before further projects are proposed and implemented. Given the "arrangement" between Defence and Ashgrove residents to exclude the Fraser Road Gate as an access point it is logical to conclude that the main Lloyd Street Gate will again be the primary point of access to Gallipoli Barracks. Unquestionably the Samford Road Entrance which boasts direct access to the arterial Samford Road is underutilised.

The Traffic Management Plan needs to ensure the following compliance-:

Access via the Lloyd Street Entrance is from Wardell Street as per the designated approved route and not through the 'local traffic only' signed residential streets.

No left turn directives from Lloyd Street into the residential side streets are to be followed.

No parking on residential side streets, multi - storey car parks on base and parking at the main entrance have been delivered as part of the ELF2B Project to cater for future requirements. The residential streets are not a "waiting area" for construction vehicles/visitors.

Vehicles waiting in the entry lanes prior to accessing Gallipoli Barracks to turn off engines to mitigate the effects of noise and fumes particularly if early in the morning.

Exhaust brakes not to be used.

The Gallipoli Precinct Action Group Committee thank you for considering this submission.

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