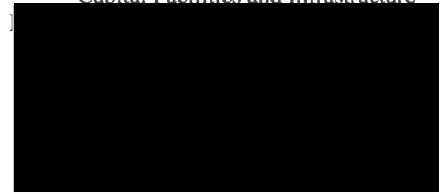




Australian Government
Department of Defence
Estate and Infrastructure Group

Brigadier M. J. Galton, DSC
Director General
Capital Facilities and Infrastructure



DGCFI-ID/OUT/2019/BS6324096

Dr John McVeigh MP

Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr McVeigh

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT:
FACILITIES FOR THE SHOALWATER BAY TRAINING AREA REMEDIATION
PROJECT**

This letter is to inform the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works of the nature and extent of community consultation undertaken by the Department of Defence as part of the Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SWBTA) Remediation Project (the Project).

The aim of this consultation was to ensure the community and other stakeholders were:

- well informed about the Project's details; and
- provided the opportunity to raise any concerns or to seek further information so that, wherever feasible, Defence could address these in its program of works.

Defence's stakeholder and community consultation plan activities listed below were delivered in accordance with the Project's comprehensive community engagement strategy, namely:

- Bi-annual project briefings with the SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee since April 2016 which has facilitated ongoing consultation with environmentally-focused groups within the SWBTA region.
- Regularly engaging with the Traditional Owners of the SWBTA, the Darumbal People since October 2016. A copy of a letter from the Darumbal People to Defence is at [Annex A](#).
- Between April 2017 and March 2019, conducting and attending regular industry forums and engagement sessions. To date, the Project has participated in 11 industry forums as outlined at the end of the summary of key stakeholder communications at [Annex B](#).
- Advertising the Public Information Session in both the "*Courier Mail*" and the local Rockhampton newspaper the "*Morning Bulletin*" on 25 September 2019 and 5 October 2019 respectively. A copy of the advertisement is at [Annex C](#).
- Inviting key stakeholders, such as state, federal and local politicians, industry groups and state authorities, to attend the 9 October 2019 Public Information Session and inviting local mayors, state and federal members of parliament to receive personal briefings. An example of the letter of invitation is at [Annex D](#).

- Inviting the members of the SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee, including the Darumbal People, to attend a dedicated session at the same venue earlier in the day. An example of this letter of invitation is also at [Annex D](#).

Between 9 and 10 October 2019, Defence engaged with the Community and with Key Stakeholders regarding the works proposed. A summary of engagements, levels of attendance and the type of information presented and discussed at the sessions are at [Annexes B, E, F and G](#).

To date, the feedback received from those consulted has generally been positive. Concerns raised are highlighted below. The Darumbal People, who have been extensively consulted throughout the project's development, wrote to Defence confirming its full support of the Project. This engagement has included a Joint Heritage Impact Assessment of the work locations. A copy of the letter from the Darumbal People is at [Annex A](#).

Concerns raised during the consultation activities related to:

- Defence's approach towards maximising opportunities for, and developing the capabilities of local industry, including the Darumbal People;
- Defence's approach towards Heritage Management during construction;
- the impact of construction activities on training exercises on SWBTA;
- the impact of the Project's proposed Williamson Airfield Upgrade on the usage of Rockhampton Airport; and
- the impact of the Project's proposed hard-standing areas on water flow and sediment runoff into the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

A summary of all key points raised by the community during the consultation process and Defence's responses are provided at [Annex G](#). The points raised were addressed by Defence at the time of consultation. To date, no requests for additional information have been received.

Community consultation activities are continuing as indicated at [Annex B](#). The outcomes from any outstanding invitations to briefings will be advised at the Hearing.

Yours sincerely,



M. J. GALTON, DSC
Brigadier

25 October 2019

Annexes:

- A. Letter form the Darumbal People
- B. Summary of Key Stakeholder Communications
- C. Newspaper Advertisement
- D. Invitation Examples
- E. Information Session Attendance
- F. Public Information Session Information
- G. Key Issues Raised During Consultation

LETTER FROM THE DARUMBAL PEOPLE



DARUMBAL ENTERPRISES PTY LTD



ACN: 114 189 178

ABN: 97 114 189 178

Jon Pollard
Lieutenant Colonel
Project Director
Capital Facilities and Infrastructure Branch

Dear Lt Col Pollard

The Darumbal People advise:

1. In relation to the proposed upgrade of facilities and roads in the existing Shoalwater Bay Training Area, this project is fully supported by the Darumbal People.
2. A series of locations were assessed by our teams in November and December 2018 as part of the Heritage Impact Assessment for this project. We have tendered digital data to Defence on these locations and note that you have acknowledged receipt of these data.
3. There are no immediate heritage issues arising from this project as far as the Darumbal People are concerned that require immediate attention. There are, as discussed, some proposed approaches for management of contingencies should they arise during construction. These will be further discussed in our report which we will tender in the very near future.
4. Consequently, the Darumbal People are happy to see Defence continue its planning for this project and we look forward to working with Defence in the implementation of its plans. It remains our understanding that Defence intends to commence construction of the works associated with this project during the dry season of 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on this matter if there is anything I can do to assist you with this.

Yours sincerely


Trevor Hatfield
Project Manager
Darumbal Enterprises Pty Ltd

SUMMARY OF KEY STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	NOTES
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	Capricornia Hon. Michelle Landry MP	9 October 2019	<p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Hon. Michelle Landry MP, providing her with project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>9 October 2019 – The offer of a personal briefing was declined; however, a representative from Ms Landry’s office attended the public information session conducted on 9 October 2019.</p>
STATE GOVERNMENT	Rockhampton Mr Barry O’Rourke	9 October 2019	<p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr O’Rourke providing him with project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>9 October 2019 – The offer of a personal briefing was declined; however, Mr O’Rourke attended the public information session (refer to Annex G for a summary of the key issues raised during this consultation).</p>
	Keppel Mrs Brittany Lauga	2 October 2019	<p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mrs Lauga providing her with project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>2 October 2019 – The offer of a personal briefing was declined and Mrs Lauga was unable to attend the public information session. Mrs Lauga’s office stated that she will contact Defence if she has any queries.</p>

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	NOTES
	Mirani Mr Stephen Andrew	4 October 2019	<p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Andrew providing him with project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>4 October 2019 – The offer of a personal briefing was declined and Mr Andrew was unable to attend the public information session. Mr Andrew’s office stated that he will contact Defence if he has any queries.</p>
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	Livingstone Shire Council Mayor Bill Ludwig	9 October 2019	<p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mayor Ludwig providing him with project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>9 October 2019 – Defence briefed Mayor Ludwig at his office (refer to <u>Annex G</u> for a summary of the key issues raised during this consultation).</p>
	Rockhampton Regional Council Mayor Margaret Strelow	10 October 2019	<p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mayor Strelow providing her with project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>10 October 2019 – Defence briefed Mayor Strelow at her office (refer to <u>Annex G</u> for a summary of the key issues raised during this consultation).</p>
STATE AUTHORITIES AND DEPARTMENTS	Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning Mr Chris Filby	Ongoing	As an Environmental Advisory Committee member ¹ , the organisation has been regularly consulted since October 2016.

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	NOTES
			<p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Chris Filby providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019.</p> <p>Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the established Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.</p>
	<p>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Mrs Rebecca Allen</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>As an Environmental Advisory Committee member¹, the organisation has been regularly consulted since October 2016.</p> <p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mrs Allen providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019.</p> <p>Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the established Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.</p>
	<p>Department of Environment and Science Mr Nigel Holmes</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>As an Environmental Advisory Committee member¹, the organisation has been regularly consulted since October 2016.</p> <p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Holmes providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019.</p>

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	NOTES
			Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the established Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.
	Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing Mr David Orgill	Ongoing	As an Environmental Advisory Committee member ¹ , the organisation has been regularly consulted since October 2016. 26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Orgill providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019. Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the established Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.
	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries – Biosecurity Qld Ms Michelle Smith	Ongoing	As an Environmental Advisory Committee member ¹ , the organisation has been regularly consulted since October 2016. 26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Ms Smith providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019. Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the established Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	NOTES
	<p>Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing (QPWS)</p> <p>Mr Cameron Mulville</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>As an Environmental Advisory Committee member¹, the organisation has been regularly consulted since October 2016.</p> <p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Mulville providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019.</p> <p>Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the established Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY GROUPS</p>	<p>Traditional Owners Darumbal People Ms Ethel Speedy and Ms Kristina Hatfield</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Ms Hatfield providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session on 9 October 2019.</p> <p>Three Representatives of the Darumbal People attended the dedicated session (refer to <u>Annex G</u> for a summary of the key issues raised during this consultation).</p>
	<p>Livingstone Shire Council Mr David Mazzaferr</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>As an Environmental Advisory Committee member¹, the organisation has been regularly consulted since October 2016.</p> <p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Mazzaferr providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019.</p>

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	NOTES
			Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the established Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.
	<p>Local Environmental Groups Wildlife Preservation Society Queensland, Capricorn Conservation Council</p> <p>Ms Leise Childs</p>	Ongoing	<p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Ms Childs providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session on 9 October 2019.</p> <p>9 October 2019 – Ms Childs phoned Defence to confirm Defence’s ongoing commitment to engaging with the Environmental Advisory Committee (refer to <u>Annex G</u> for a summary of the key issues raised during this consultation).</p>
	<p>HQ Plantations Pty Ltd</p> <p>Ms Amanda Farrell</p>	Ongoing	<p>As an Environmental Advisory Committee member¹, the organisation has been regularly consulted since October 2016.</p> <p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Ms Farrell providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019.</p> <p>Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the established Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.</p>

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	NOTES
	Neighbour Mr Craig Mace	Ongoing	As Environmental Advisory Committee members ¹ , neighbours have been regularly consulted since October 2016. 26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Mace providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019. Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the established Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.
	Infofish Australia Mr Bill Sawynok	Ongoing	As an Environmental Advisory Committee member ¹ , the organisation has been regularly consulted since October 2016. 26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Sawynok providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019. Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the established Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.
	CQ University School of Health, Medical and Applied Sciences Mr Wayne Houston	Ongoing	As an Environmental Advisory Committee member ¹ , the organisation has been regularly consulted since October 2016.

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	NOTES
			<p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Houston providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019.</p> <p>Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the established Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.</p>
	<p>Fitzroy Basin Association Inc Mr Shannon van Nunen</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>As an Environmental Advisory Committee member¹, the organisation has been regularly consulted since October 2016.</p> <p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr van Nunen providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019.</p> <p>Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the established Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.</p>
	<p>Sibelco Mr Geoff Gal</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>As an Environmental Advisory Committee member¹, the organisation has been regularly consulted since October 2016.</p> <p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Gal providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019.</p>

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	NOTES
	<p>Neighbour Mr Bob Beezley</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.</p> <p>As Environmental Advisory Committee members¹, neighbours have been regularly consulted since October 2016.</p> <p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Beezley providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the dedicated SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee information session conducted on 9 October 2019.</p> <p>Defence will continue to consult Committee members through the established Environmental Advisory Committee Forum.</p>
<p>INDUSTRY GROUPS</p>	<p>Capricorn Enterprises Mr Neil Lethlean</p>	<p>9 October 2019</p>	<p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Lethlean providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the SWBTA Public information session on 9 October 2019.</p> <p>9 October 2019 – Mr Lethlean attended the public information session. No questions asked.</p>
	<p>Gladstone Engineering Alliance Ms Julie Gelder</p>	<p>9 October 2019</p>	<p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Ms Gelder providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the SWBTA Public information session on 9 October 2019.</p>

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	NOTES
			Defence received a response from Ms Lane from Gladstone Engineering Alliance, stating that Ms Gelder had retired and that Ms Lane would not be attending.
	Advance Rockhampton Mr. Graham Sheppard	9 October 2019	<p>26 September 2019 – Defence emailed a letter to Mr Sheppard providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to attend the SWBTA Public information session on 9 October 2019.</p> <p>9 October 2019 – Mr Sheppard attended the public information session. No questions asked.</p>
	Industry Briefings / Forums	Various	<p>21 April 2017: Managing Contractor Contract Industry Briefing – Brisbane.</p> <p>28 April 2017: Managing Contractor Contract Industry Briefing – Rockhampton.</p> <p>5 – 7 March 2018: Industry Briefings (Townsville, MacKay and Rockhampton).</p> <p>12 April 2018: Minister/Industry Round Table (Townsville).</p> <p>30 April 2018: Minister/Industry Round Table (Rockhampton).</p> <p>30 April – 1 May 2018: Rockhampton Industry Briefing.</p> <p>1 May 2018: Construction Industry Networking Event (Rockhampton).</p> <p>28 August 2018: Townsville Industry Briefing.</p> <p>10 October 2018: Industry Engagement Session (Rockhampton).</p>

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE OF CONSULTATION	NOTES
			8 November 2018: Capricorn Enterprises Major Projects Forum/Industry Session (Rockhampton). 19 March 2019: Ministerial visit to Project Office (Rockhampton).

Note:

1. The SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee is a Standing Committee. Membership consists of neighbouring landholders, fishing interests, Local, State and Federal Government, Darumbal Aboriginal People, non-government conservation organisations, and the Central Queensland University. The Committee meets bi-annually to discuss activities that affect the SWBTA.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT

Notice of Public Information Session Shoalwater Bay Training Area Remediation Project



Australian Government

Department of Defence

The Department of Defence is holding a public information session to outline the proposed remediation works taking place at Shoalwater Bay Training Area and seek feedback from the community. This work is subject to Parliamentary approval.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) conducts inquiries into matters referred to it by the House of Representatives or a Minister of the Commonwealth Government.

More information on the Project, the PWC process and how to make submissions can be found at:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works/ShoalwaterBay

The proposed session is drop-in, and community members are welcome to attend between the published times below.

Community Information Session

When: 9 October 2019

Time: 1730 to 1900

Where: Empire Hotel, 5 East Street,
Rockhampton QLD 4700

INVITATION EXAMPLES

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION



Australian Government
Department of Defence
Estate and Infrastructure Group

Lieutenant Colonel Jon Pollard
Project Director - Regional South Queensland
Capital Facilities & Infrastructure Branch

BS5805140

Sent via Email

Dear Hon. Michelle Landry MP

I am writing to you on behalf of The Department of Defence regarding upcoming activities for the Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SWBTA) Remediation Project.

The Project aims to remediate selected elements of the facilities and engineering infrastructure within the existing SWBTA, to ensure the training area's environmental sustainability is commensurate with the introduction of new capabilities to the Australian Defence Force.

Detailed information can be found in the Statement of Evidence, being The Department's submission to the Project to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC). This can be reviewed at:

https://www.aph.gov.au/parliamentary_business/committees/joint/Public_Works/ShoalwaterBay

Please note, this Project is not related to the works being undertaken by the Department under the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative (ASMTI) and no SWBTA Remediation Project works are proposed on the recently expanded Training Area.

The Department will be holding a Public Information Session on the 9th of October 2019 to outline the proposed works for the SWBTA Remediation Project, which is subject to Parliamentary approval. You are invited to attend the Public Information Session for the project:

- **Date:** Wednesday, 09 October 2019
- **Time:** Anytime between 5.30pm and 7pm
- **Location:** Empire Hotel, 5 East Street, Rockhampton, QLD, 4700

If you would like any additional information or seek to meet with the Project team regarding the SWBTA Remediation Project, please contact the Defence Project Officer, Mr William Stephen on william.stephen@defence.gov.au or on 0401 399 651.



Jon Pollard
Lieutenant Colonel
Project Director

25 September 2019

D-2

INFORMATION SESSION (DARUMBAL PEOPLE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE)



Australian Government
Department of Defence
Estate and Infrastructure Group

Lieutenant Colonel Jon Pollard
Project Director - Regional South Queensland
Capital Facilities & Infrastructure Branch
F065-02-20 Gallipoli Barracks
ENOGGERA QLD 4051
☎: 07 3332 2048
✉: jon.pollard@defence.gov.au

BS5809006

Sent via Email

Dear Shoalwater Bay Training Area Environmental Advisory Committee member,

I am writing to you on behalf of The Department of Defence regarding upcoming activities for the Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SWBTA) Remediation Project.

The Project aims to remediate selected elements of the facilities and engineering infrastructure within the existing SWBTA, to ensure the training area's environmental sustainability is commensurate with the introduction of new capabilities to the Australian Defence Force.

Detailed information can be found in the Statement of Evidence, being The Department's submission to the Project to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC). This can be reviewed at:

https://www.aph.gov.au/parliamentary_business/committees/joint/Public_Works/ShoalwaterBay

Please note, this Project is not related to the works being undertaken by the Department under the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative (ASMTI) and no SWBTA Remediation Project works are proposed on the recently expanded Training Area.

The Department will be holding a Public Information Session on the 9th of October 2019, from 5.30pm to 7pm, to outline the proposed works for the SWBTA Remediation Project, which is still subject to Parliamentary approval. Prior to this Public Information Session, I invite you to attend a more selective forum, where you can meet with the team delivering the Project, ask questions and discuss any concerns you may have. The details of this selective session are provided below:

- **Date:** Wednesday, 09 October 2019
- **Time:** Anytime between 4.30pm and 5.30pm
- **Location:** Empire Hotel, 5 East Street, Rockhampton, QLD, 4700

Yours sincerely



Jon Pollard
Lieutenant Colonel
Project Director

25 September 2019

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS - ATTENDANCE

Seven people attended an Information Session at the Empire Hotel in Rockhampton on 9 October 2019 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. This session was dedicated to the traditional owners of Shoalwater Bay - the Darumbal People, and the Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SWBTA) Environmental Advisory Committee. Attendees were verbally briefed on the current status of the Project and advised how the proposed design aims to address environmental concerns and improve the sustainability of the training area. Topics of interest were able to be openly discussed with Defence and are listed at Annex G.

Also on 9 October 2019, eight community members attended a general Public Information Session, again at the Empire Hotel in Rockhampton, between 5.30 pm and 7.00 pm.

Defence's representation at both sessions included members from the Project Team to address questions relating to the proposed works, and from Defence's Joint Capability Group to respond to questions regarding military activities at the SWBTA.

At both sessions, Defence displayed the information provided in Annex F to show the proposed works. Copies of the Statement of Evidence for the works were available to take away.

PUBLIC SESSION DISPLAY INFORMATION

Urban Operations Training Facility Upgrade



Scope:

- Replacement of current facility which is in poor condition and at end of serviceable life
- Capable of Brigade-size activities
- Modern layout with mock full scale buildings
- Diverse shapes, forms and purposes
- Enables realistic and a variety of training scenarios



Australian Army soldier with his military police dog, during an urban clearance.



Australian Army soldiers pass an Abrams M1A1 main battle tank while advancing to conduct an urban clearance.



Australian Army soldiers from 2nd Combat Engineer Regiment assault the existing urban operations training facility.

PROJECT NAME: Shoalwater Bay Training Area Remediation

Location:

Shoalwater Bay, Queensland
- 80km north of Rockhampton

Project Value:

\$135M

Project Duration:

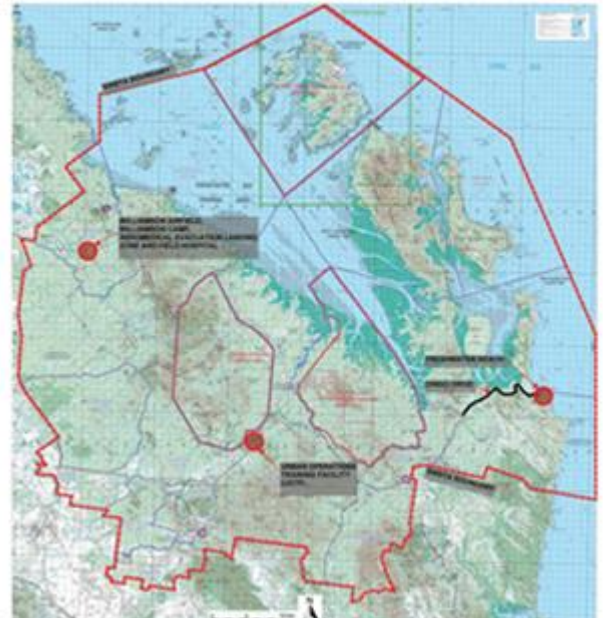
2 years

Scope:

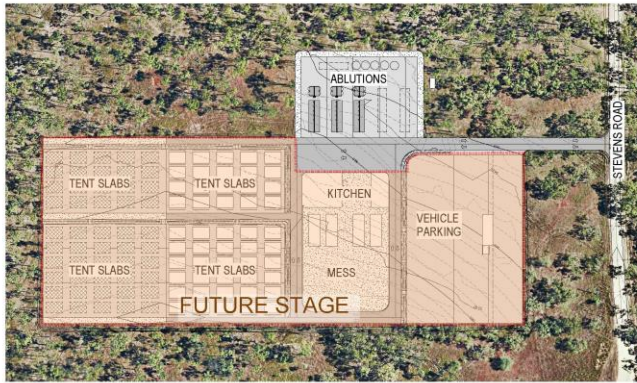
- Remediation of selected facilities and infrastructure
- Improvement of environmental sustainability
- Introduction of new capabilities to the Australian Defence Force

Website:

https://www.apf.gov.au/Portals/0/Supplementary_Business/Content/Press/Joist/Public_Works/ShoalwaterBay



Williamson Camp Development



Scope:

- Permanent camp facilities
- Accommodate up to 1,000 personnel
- Austere accommodation
- Limit environmental impacts of large training activities



Australian Army members decompress in camp after a day of travel during Exercise Talisman Sabre 2019.

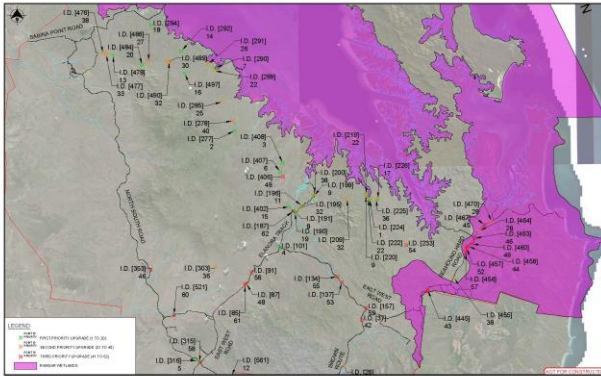


Personnel from the Australian Army, New Zealand Army, United States Army and United States Marine Corps during Talisman Sabre 2019.



Defence personnel inside typical tent accommodation.

Remediation of Selected Creek Crossings



Scope:

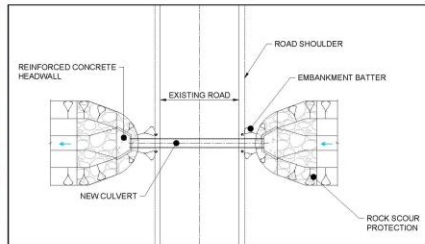
- Current crossings in poor condition
- Upgrades to a prioritised set of creek crossings
- Reduced sediment runoff to limit damage to local eco-systems
- Strengthening and widening to carry new in-service transport vehicles and future armoured fighting vehicles



An Australian Light Armoured Vehicle (ASLV) makes its way through a creek crossing.

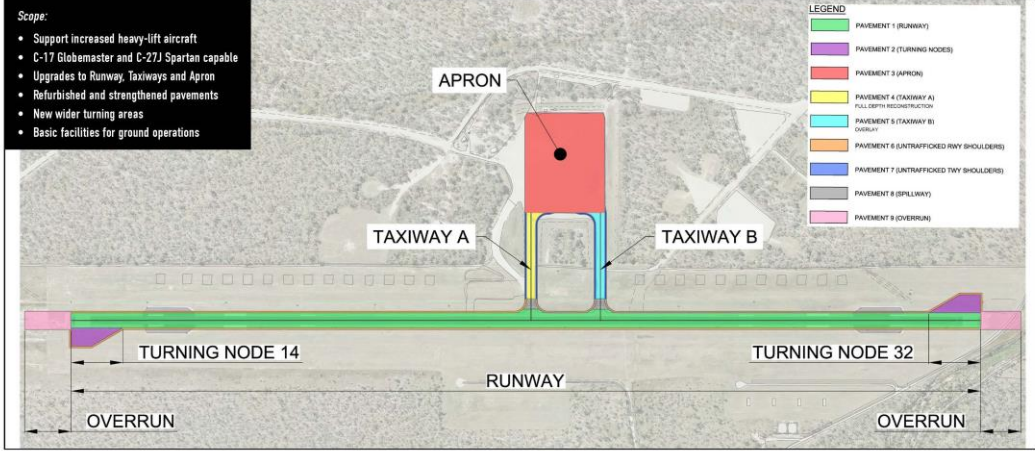


An Australian Army M1A1 Abrams exiting a creek crossing.



Williamson Airfield Upgrade

- Scope:**
- Support increased heavy-lift aircraft
 - C-17 Globemaster and C-27J Spartan capable
 - Upgrades to Runway, Taxiways and Apron
 - Refurbished and strengthened pavements
 - New wider turning areas
 - Basic facilities for ground operations



Perspective photograph of current airfield.

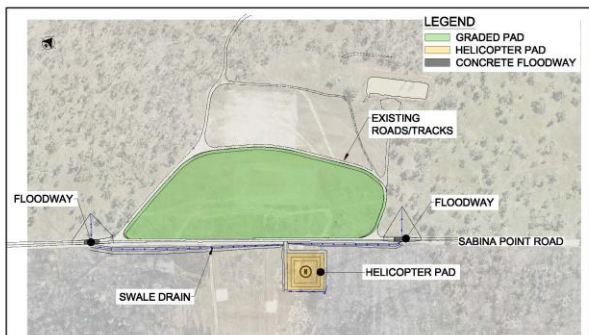


Aerial photograph of current airfield.



Defence transport vehicles approaching a C-17 Globemaster at Williamson Airfield.

Field Hospital Site Upgrade

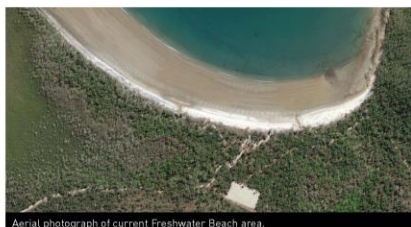


Freshwater Beach Landing Site Remediation



Scope:

- Remediate and upgrade existing landing site
- Supports amphibious operations
- Hardening of existing egress point
- Increased vehicle hard-standing
- Repair of beach vehicle access ramps



SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES RAISED DURING CONSULTATION

KEY ISSUE / QUESTION	RAISED BY	DEFENCE'S RESPONSE
There was recurring interest in opportunities for local industry to work on the Project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rockhampton Regional Council • Mayor Ludwig • Mayor Strelow • Livingstone Shire Council • Mr Barry O'Rourke 	Defence's response detailed how the Managing Contractor would be facilitating this through its Local Industry Capability Plan.
For the purposes of procurement, what does Defence define as 'local'?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Ludwig • Livingstone Shire Council 	Defence stated that 'local' is determined by industry on an individual project basis. The SWBTA Remediation Project is a trial Local Industry Capability Plan project. The Contractor has divided 'local' into three bands for the purposes of procurement. Band 1 includes Rockhampton Region and Livingstone Shire Council, Band 2 extends across a 300km radius from SWBTA (covering Mackay, Emerald, Rockhampton and Gladstone) and Band 3 includes all of Queensland. Subcontractors identified within Band 1 will have the highest priority.
The local Members identified areas of local industry that are being actively developed to provide contractor support to Defence during the conduct of training activities that are regularly undertaken on SWBTA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livingstone Shire Council • Rockhampton Regional Council • Mayor Strelow • Mayor Ludwig 	This topic was concerning local contracting opportunities for support to Training Activities and were not directly related to the construction works being delivered under this project. Defence stated that the information would be provided to the units within the Department that are responsible for training area maintenance and support (for their general awareness).

What is the extent and purpose of Williamson Airfield Upgrade?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livingstone Shire Council • Rockhampton Regional Council • Mayor Strelow • Mayor Ludwig 	Defence advised parties about the extent and purpose of the proposed upgrades to be delivered at Williamson Airfield under the project.
There was interest in the usage and design of the Urban Operations Training Facility; how it is used for training and what is involved with simulation activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livingstone Shire Council • Rockhampton Regional Council • Mayor Strelow • Mayor Ludwig 	Defence advised about the design and purpose of the Urban Operations Training Facility and how it is used for training, including what is involved in simulation activities.
Will a Project Cultural Heritage Management Plan be developed to define how any finds will be managed during construction?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of the Darumbal People 	Defence confirmed that a Management Plan would be developed by the Managing Contractor.
Traditional Owners, the Darumbal People, are seeking to work with Defence to maximise economic development opportunities for their people during construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of the Darumbal People 	Defence outlined the policies, agreements and contractual mechanisms that it will utilise to maximise work and development opportunities for the Darumbal People.
Would the proposed upgrades at Williamson Airfield affect the use of Rockhampton Airport?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rockhampton Regional Council • Mayor Strelow 	Defence advised parties the proposed Williamson Airfield Upgrade is not anticipated to reduce Defence's use of Rockhampton Airport, and that each airfield is used for different purposes to support Training Activities at SWBTA.
Would Training Exercises at SWBTA, in particular Singapore's Exercise Wallaby, be relocated or cancelled during the construction period (thereby impacting the local economy)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rockhampton Regional Council • Mayor Strelow 	Defence confirmed that elements of some training activities would need to be relocated to other training areas throughout Australia to enable construction activities to occur. Defence confirmed that construction activities are currently not expected to impact Exercise Wallaby.

<p>Were the impacts of water flow and subsequent sediment runoff considered in the design of the hard-standing areas that are proposed to be constructed by the Project?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority 	<p>Defence confirmed that water flow and sediment runoff were considered when developing the design solution and that, by design, the hardstand will decrease sediment runoff. As a result, the construction of permanent hardstands will have a positive environmental impact.</p>
<p>While no specific issues were raised relating to the Project, concern was expressed regarding Defence's general use of the SWBTA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Environmental Groups Wildlife Preservation Society Queensland, Capricorn Conservation Council 	<p>This topic was not specific to the works being undertaken under the project. Defence noted the general concerns. The concern was raised by a member of the Environment Advisory Committee and will be passed to the Defence Representative on the Environment Advisory Committee for further consultation.</p>
<p>Will there be continued project representation at SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee meetings? Will Defence be present at the meeting to be held in November/December?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Environmental Groups Wildlife Preservation Society Queensland, Capricorn Conservation Council 	<p>Defence confirmed that the Project intends to continue to be represented at SWBTA Environmental Advisory Committee meetings.</p>
<p>Clarification was sought regarding how to make public submissions relating to the Project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Environmental Groups Wildlife Preservation Society Queensland, Capricorn Conservation Council 	<p>Defence referred the Council to the PWC Website for information regarding making a submission.</p>