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Capital Facilities and Infrastructure



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The Hon Dr John McVeigh, MP
Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr McVeigh,

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT
LAND 4502 PHASE 1 ADDITIONAL CH-47F CHINOOK FACILITIES PROJECT

1. 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 proposed LAND 4502 Phase 1 Additional CH-47F Chinook Facilities Project (the Project).
2. The aim of this consultation was to ensure the community, base residents and other stakeholders were:
 - a. well informed about the project's details through the use of effective and proven communication channels, and
 - b. 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.
3. The stakeholder and community consultation plan activities listed below were delivered in accordance with the project's comprehensive community engagement strategy, namely:
 - a. Advertisements appeared in local newspaper, the Townsville Bulletin, on both 25 August 2018 and 28 August 2018 for the Community Consultation sessions. An example of Defence's advertisements is at Annex A.
 - b. Invitations to receive a personal briefing were emailed to key stakeholders, including Federal and State Members of Parliament, State Departments and Authorities, and Community and Industry Groups. A status of the stakeholders' briefings undertaken is at Annex B. An example of the invitation letter to Key Stakeholders is at Annex C.

c. Community Consultation Sessions were undertaken at the Townsville RSL Club (Hyde Park, Townsville in Queensland) from 5pm to 7pm on Monday 28 August 2018, and at the Castletown Shopping World (also Hyde Park), from 9am to 11am on Wednesday 30 August 2018. Details regarding the level of attendance at each session is at Annex D. Examples of the types of information presented at the sessions is at Annex E.

4. Overall, information about the Project was well received at each stakeholder and community consultation session. Most of the stakeholder consultation drew comments reflecting the general need for investment and local job creation in the region. The risks associated with per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (also known as PFAS) contamination at RAAF Base Townsville were raised by Federal and State Government representatives. The community consultation sessions drew interest from local contractors seeking an indication of future project opportunities, and from the general public indicating support for Defence activities in Townsville. A summary of key issues raised during the Key Stakeholder and the Community Consultation Sessions, and Defence's response to these, is at Annex F.

5. In conclusion, no issues that would impact the proposed works were identified during Defence's community consultation. Defence is satisfied that it has taken all reasonable steps to inform the community about the Project, and has provided opportunities for the community to raise any concerns and questions.

Yours sincerely,



M.J. GALTON, DSC
Brigadier

24 October 2018

Annexes:

- A. Newspaper Advertisement
- B. Stakeholder Project Briefings and Follow-up Action
- C. Invitation Example
- D. Community Consultation Session Attendance
- E. Community Consultation Session Display Information
- F. Key Issues Raised During Construction

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**Government
Notices**



**Community Consultation
LAND 4502 PHASE 1
Additional CH-47F Chinook
Facilities Project
28 and 30 August 2018**

**The Department of Defence
will be holding two community
consultation sessions
regarding the proposed LAND
4502 Phase 1 Additional
CH-47F Chinook Facilities
Project.**

**The first consultation session
will be held on 28 August 2018
from 5pm until 7pm at the
Townsville RSL Club located at
139 Charters Towers Rd, Hyde
Park.**

**The second consultation
session will be held on 30
August 2018 from 9am until
11am at CastleTown
Shoppingworld, Woolcock St &
Kings Rd, Hyde Park, near
Woolworths.**

**All members of the community
are welcome to attend.**

**For further details, please
contact:
David Patterson 0407 535 084
or Glen Heyward 0427 470 212**

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STAKEHOLDER PROJECT BRIEFINGS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION

STAKEHOLDER	ORGANISATION AND MEMBER	DATE AND NATURE OF CONSULTATION
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	Member for Herbert, Ms Cathy O’Toole MP (ALP) Ms Stephanie Naunton, Senior Advisor	<p>5 September 2018 - Defence emailed a letter to Ms O’Toole MP, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>26 September 2018 - Defence briefed Ms O’Toole and her advisory, Ms Naunton, in their office in Townsville. Questions included risk caused by PFAS contamination, and Defence’s communications strategy with the media regarding the project.</p>
STATE GOVERNMENT	Member for Townsville Mr Scott Stewart MP (ALP)	<p>5 September 2018 - Defence emailed a letter to Mr Stewart MP, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>24 September 2018 - Defence briefed Mr Stewart in his office in Townsville. Questions included risk caused by PFAS contamination, project design (rainwater harvesting), and Defence’s communications strategy with the media regarding the project.</p>
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	Townsville City Council Mayor, Cr Jenny Hill (ALP)	<p>5 September 2018 - Defence emailed a letter to the Cr Hill, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>22 October 2018 – Defence briefed Cr Hill, other Councillors and executive staff, in their Townsville office. The team provided a summary brief of the PWC Statement of Evidence. The main points of discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previous flooding. - Cyclone rating of the building elements. - Local industry engagement.

STATE AUTHORITIES AND DEPARTMENTS	Queensland Government Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning	<p>5 September 2018 - Defence emailed a letter to the Queensland Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>24 September 2018 - Defence briefed Ms Ange Bannerman (Principal Communication Officer) together with Mr Stewart (State Member for Townsville) in Mr Stewart's office in Townsville. The team provided a summary brief of the PWC Statement of Evidence. No issues noted.</p>
	Queensland Government Department of Transport and Main Roads	<p>5 September 2018 - Defence emailed a letter to the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>22 October 2018 – Defence briefed Mr Stephen Mallows (Acting Regional Director North Queensland) and staff in their Townsville office. The team provided a summary brief of the PWC Statement of Evidence. The main points of discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - heavy routes. - timing of other major works proposed by the Department and potential demand for resources.
	Energy Queensland	<p>5 September 2018 - Defence emailed a letter to the CEO of Energy Queensland, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>11 September 2018 - The Executive Officer to the CEO (Ms Julie Shepherd) advised Defence that Energy Queensland does not require a briefing.</p>

COMMUNITY AND INDUSTRY GROUPS	North Queensland Land Council Ms Jasmin Phillips, Legal Officer Ms Solange Wethery,	<p>5 September 2018 - Defence emailed a letter to North Queensland Land Council on behalf of the Bindal and Wulgurukaba Peoples, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>24 September 2018 – Defence briefed Ms Phillips and Ms Wethery in their office in Townsville. Topics discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disturbance to aboriginal land, traditions, heritage items or cultural sites. - Defence’s management of any artefacts found during construction. - Indigenous employment opportunities.
	Townsville Chamber of Commerce CEO (Ms Marie-Claude Browns) Deputy President (Mr Michele Falconieri)	<p>5 September 2018 - Defence emailed a letter to Townsville Chamber of Commerce providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing.</p> <p>24 September 2018 – Defence Ms Browns and Mr Falconieri in the Chamber of Commerce office in Townsville. Topics discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Head Contractor selection and volume of trade packages. - When construction will start. - Targets for local business involvement, particularly with regards to unskilled workers and the local indigenous population and statistics kept verifying level of indigenous employment.
	Townsville Enterprise Limited (TEL) Chair of TEL (Mr Kevin Gill) Townsville Airport Pty Ltd (TAPL) Townsville Airport Community Aviation Consultation Group (CAGC)	<p>5 September 2018 - Defence emailed a letter to Mr Gill, the Chief Operating Officer for TAPL, and the Secretariat for the CACG, providing project information, contact details, a site link and an invitation to contact Defence for a personal briefing. No response received to date.</p>

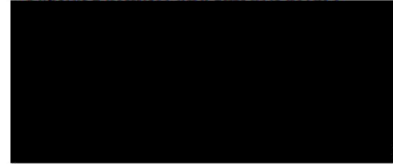
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INVITATION EXAMPLE



Australian Government
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Mr Adrian Power
Project Director – North Queensland
Capital Facilities and Infrastructure



Ms Cathy O'Toole (MP)
Federal Member for Herbert
Via email: cathy.otoole.mp@aph.gov.au

Dear Ms O'Toole,

OFFER OF BRIEFING FOR THE LAND 4502 PHASE 1 – ADDITIONAL CH-47 CHINOOK FACILITIES PROJECT

On behalf of the Department of Defence, I would like to offer you a personal briefing on proposed works for the LAND 4502 Phase 1 Project at RAAF Base Townsville. The Project was referred to the Parliamentary Works Committee (PWC) on 23 August 2018.

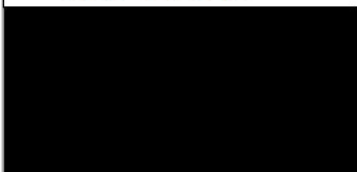
The aim of the Project is to provide facilities and infrastructure to support three additional Chinook Helicopters (CH-47F) within the 5th Aviation Regiment precinct at RAAF Base Townsville. The proposed works include:

- two CH-47F aircraft shelters
- one logistics facility
- tarmac parking for the additional three CH-47F
- working accommodation and carparking for new staff
- associated site wide infrastructure and civil works.

If you or your staff would like to accept this invitation for a personal briefing on the proposed works, please contact the Project Manager, Mr David Patterson via email dpatterson@aph.gov.au or our local office manager Mr Glen Heyward gheyward@aph.gov.au by 19 September 2018.

Further detail on the proposed works is available on the PWC website at https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works/Land4502Phase1

Yours sincerely,



Mr Adrian Power
Project Director
05 September 2018

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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION ATTENDANCE

A total of 50 community members attended the two Community Consultation sessions, as follows:

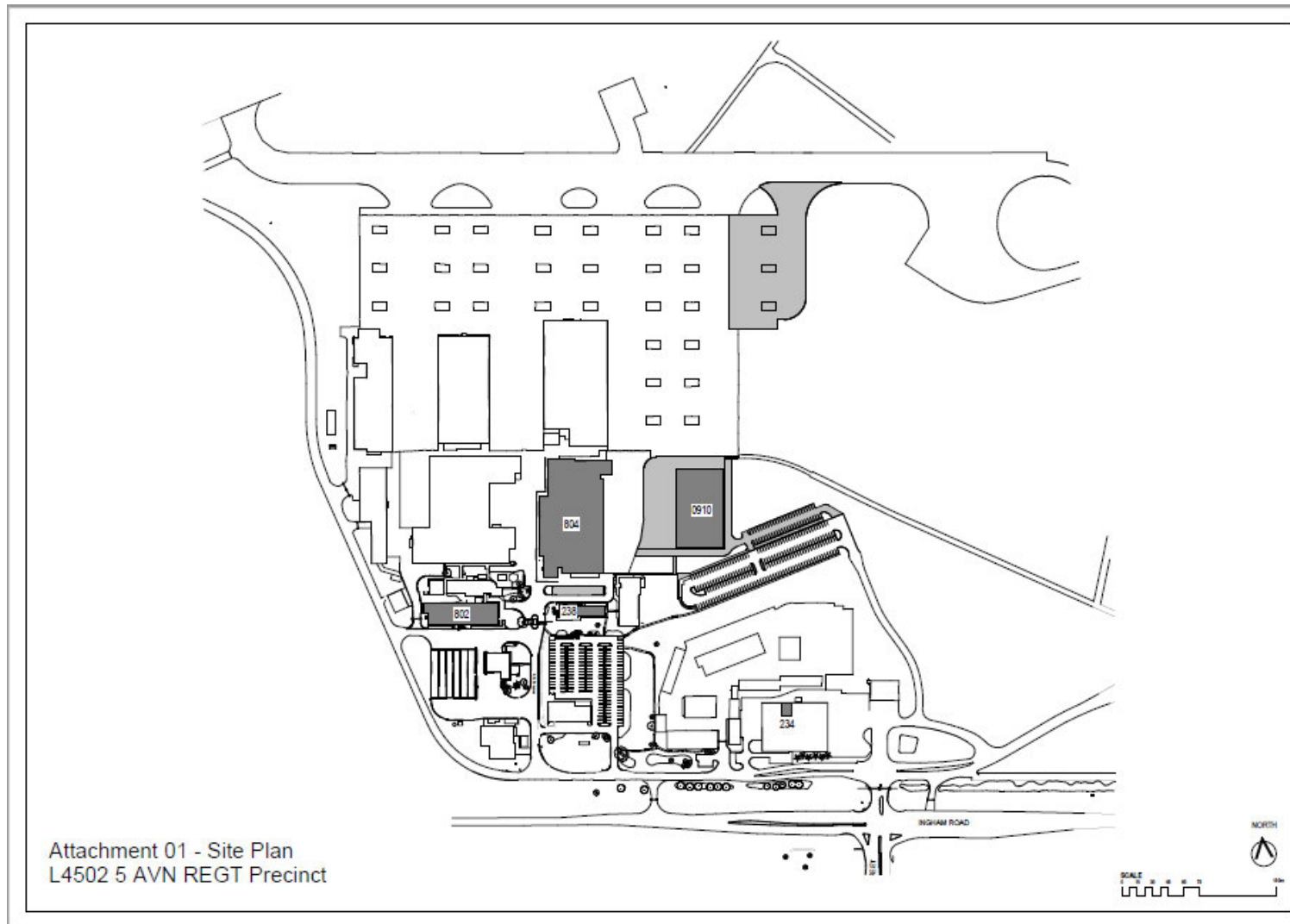
- a. Monday 28 August 2018 from 5pm to 7pm at the Townsville RSL Club, Hyde Park, Townsville (15 attendees);
- b. Wednesday 30 August 2018 from 9am to 11am at the Castletown Shopping World, Hyde Park (35 attendees).

To maximise the opportunity for attendance by local industry and potential sub-contractors, the first community consultation session, at the RSL Club, was held concurrently with briefings on other current Defence projects that provided training and information on local construction opportunities to the Townsville industry (the North Queensland Mid Term Refresh Program, and the Australia Singapore Military Training Initiative). These briefings attracted local trades and contractors, some of which subsequently attended the LAND 4502 Facilities Project Community Consultation session.

For the second community consultation session for the LAND 4502 Facilities Project, held at the Castletown Shopping World, the stall was located near the entrance to the main supermarket in the centre which attracted general passing pedestrian traffic.

During both sessions, Defence representatives were available to speak with interested persons. Both sessions also had copies of the Statement of Evidence available, and displayed various associated project diagrams on A3 size display boards, as shown at Annex E.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION DISPLAY INFORMATION





West Perspective

Attachment 03 - Perspective
L4502 5 AVN REGT Precinct - Building 0910



South West Perspective

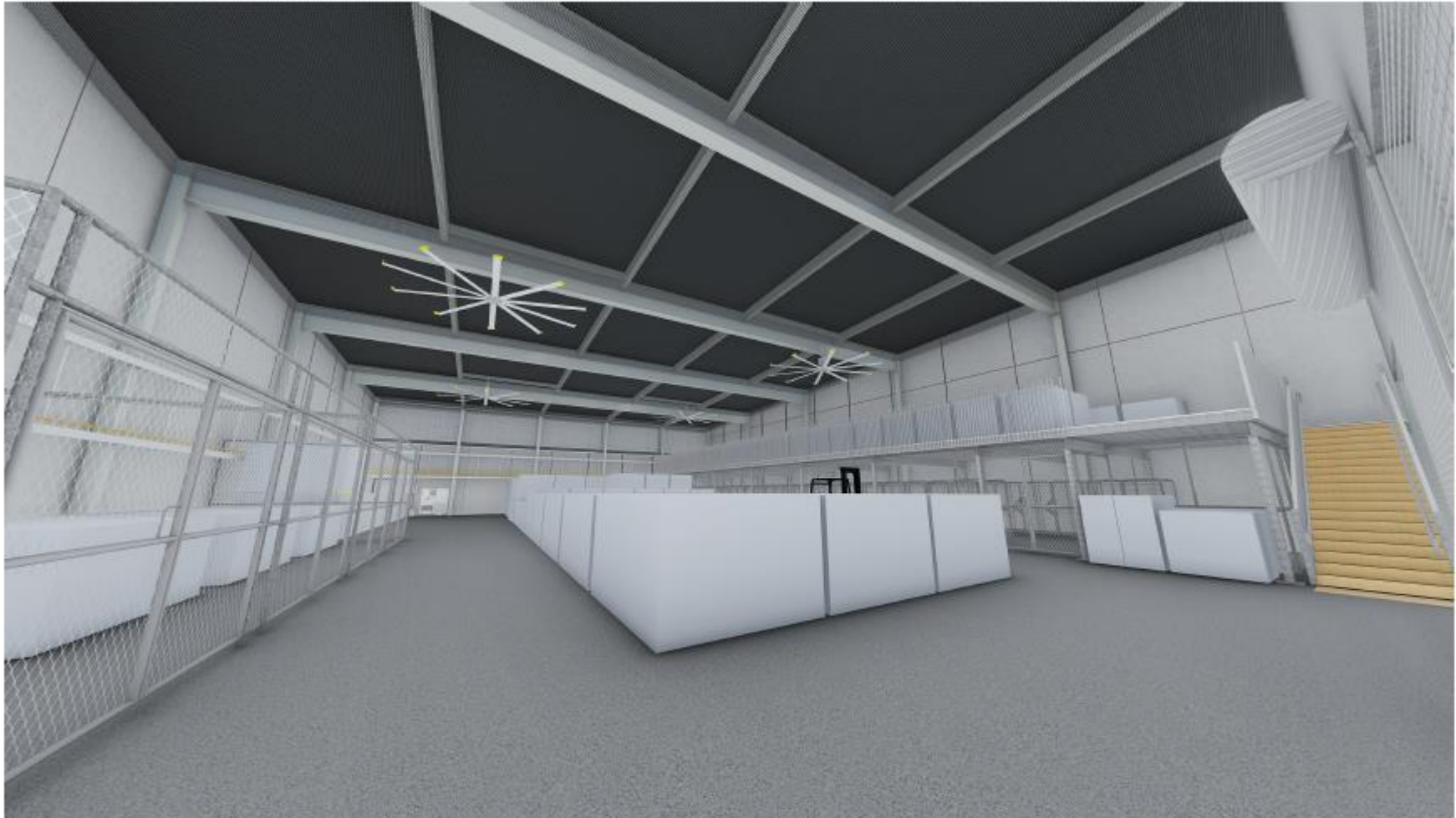
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Aircraft Shelter Perspective

Attachment 21 - Perspective
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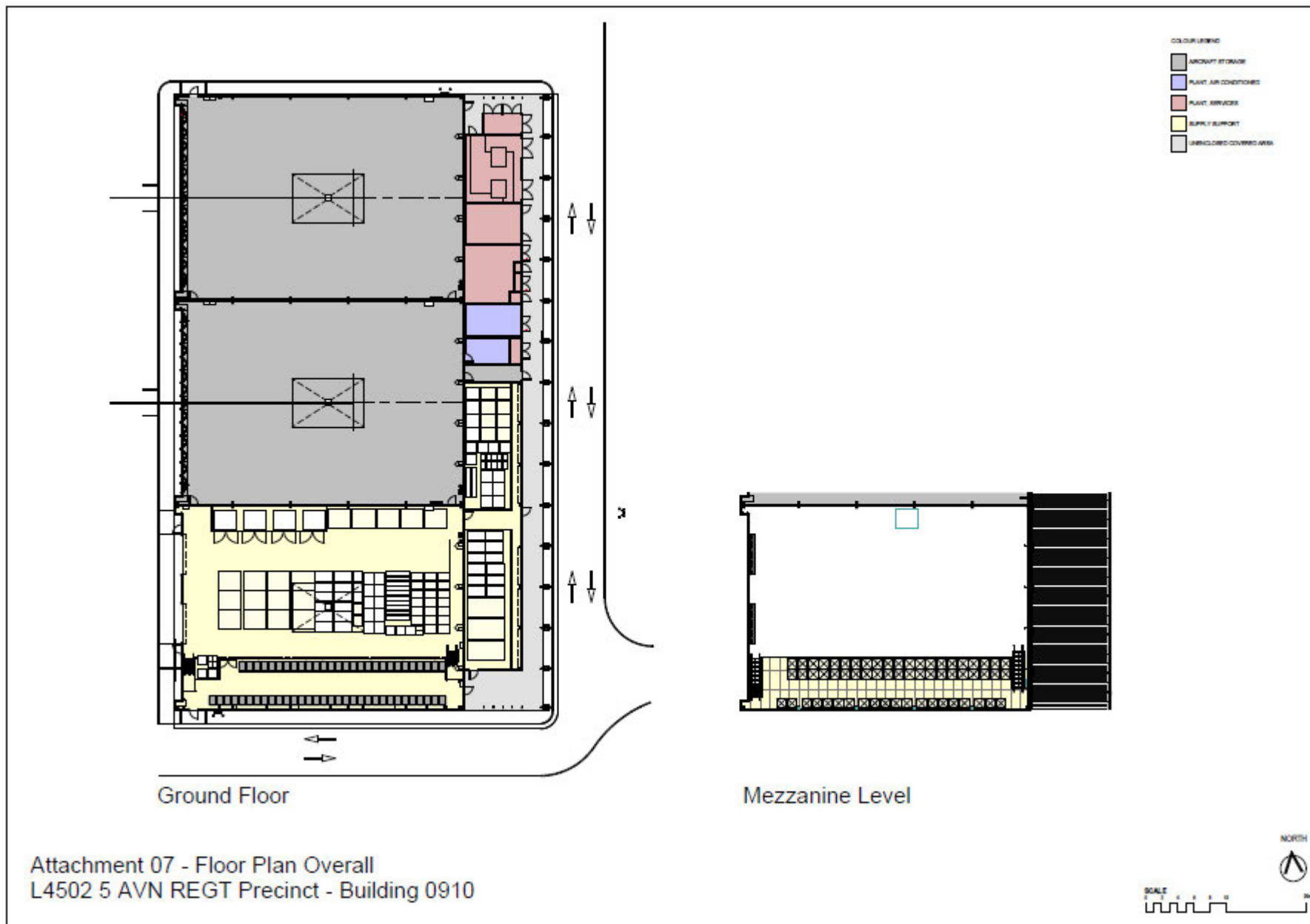




Supply Support Shelter Perspective

Attachment 20 - Perspective
L4502 5 AVN REGT Precinct - Building 0910





KEY ISSUES RAISED DURING CONSULTATION

KEY ISSUE / QUESTION	RAISED BY	DEFENCE'S RESPONSE
Will this project cause any disturbance to aboriginal land, traditions, heritage items or cultural sites?	North Queensland Land Council	The site is within the existing RAAF Base Townsville. Initial investigations, desktop reviews of Commonwealth registers and lessons learned from other Chinook projects in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project were reviewed in the early stages of the design process to evaluate potential impacts. These analyses indicated that the likelihood of finding artefacts or items/locations of significance was very low.
If artefacts are found, how will construction workers be able to identify them?	North Queensland Land Council	The successful contractor will be required to undertake all excavations in accordance with an approved project specific Construction Environmental Management Plan; this plan provides strict procedures and management strategies to be implemented on the rare chance an artefact of indigenous significance is discovered. Further, indigenous representatives would ordinarily be invited to oversee excavation activities in high risk areas (however these are not present on this project). The project has also employed a piling methodology for construction of the shelter foundations, which minimises ground disturbance and the amount of required excavations.
Has the head contractor been selected as yet?	Federal and State Government representatives, Chamber of Commerce	No, a shortlisting activity for the Head Contractor is currently being undertaken. A contract is expected to be awarded in late 2018.

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How many trade packages will be required?	Federal and State Government representatives, Chamber of Commerce	Trade packaging will be determined by the Head Contractor, however the nature of the works suggests trade packages will include concrete, steel, communications, security, joinery, plumbing, electrical and mechanical disciplines.
When will the construction start?	Federal and State Government representatives, Chamber of Commerce, Community	Construction is expected to start in early 2019 and be complete by late 2020.
What employment opportunities are there, particularly for unskilled workers and the local indigenous population?	Federal and State Government representatives, Chamber of Commerce, North Queensland Land Council, Community,	<p>The construction is expected to employ approximately 50 people on average over the course of the build, rising to potentially 120 people at peak periods of construction. The majority of these will be unskilled labour capable of being sourced from the local Townsville region.</p> <p>Opportunities for the local indigenous population will predominantly be afforded through the Head Contractor's methodology in implementing its obligations under the Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP), which applies to this project.</p>
Can you ensure local businesses are engaged on the project? Is there a target for local workforce involvement?	Federal and State Government representatives, Chamber of Commerce	Opportunities for local industry engagement will be maximised through implementation of the Local Industry Capability Plan (LICP). This plan is required to be produced by the Head Contractor at time of tender, and stipulates the level of local industry engagement anticipated to be achieved on the project (both supply chain networks and labour) within radii of the Townsville CBD. The plan typically includes the expected local industry engagement by both dollar value

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		<p>and subcontractor packages.</p> <p>The facilities have also been designed to maximise local industry engagement. With the exception of the large-span shelter doors, local suppliers and tradespeople can support most elements of the facilities.</p> <p>No mandatory targets will be set for local industry engagement, however similar projects delivered at RAAF Townsville achieved a high level of local industry engagement (i.e. 70-80% of local trades).</p>
<p>Are any statistics kept about indigenous employment by the head contractor to verify their level of indigenous employment?</p>	<p>State Government representative, North Queensland Land Council,</p>	<p>Yes, records are kept and reported.</p>
<p>What is the risk caused by per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)?</p> <p>Is there a risk of contamination to subterranean rivers when driving the piles down the ground?</p>	<p>Federal and State Government representatives</p>	<p>Extensive investigations were undertaken as part of the design process for LAND 4502 to ascertain the presence of PFAS contaminants. These indicated there are trace amounts of PFAS in the areas to be disturbed by the project, resulting in a very low risk. Further, the works are physically separate from known water flows at the Base.</p> <p>The piling methodology for construction of the facilities' foundation also minimises ground disturbance, which, combined with avoiding construction in the wet season, further lowers the risk posed by the trace amounts of PFAS contamination.</p> <p>Wells are also present around RAAF Townsville to continuously monitor the presence of contaminants.</p>

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Was rainwater harvesting considered as part of the design process?	State Government representative	Yes. Ecologically sustainable development opportunities including rainwater tanks and solar panels were considered as part of the design process. These initiatives were not included as part of the final design due to the ongoing maintenance costs (relative to the initial cost outlay), building height restrictions on structures adjacent to the airfield, and their potential to create a glare risk.
Is there any communication strategy considered to sell this story to the media?	Federal and State Government representatives	No. The priority is delivery of facilities to support the Chinook capability.