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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mrs Andrews

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT FOR THE JP154 PHASE 1 COUNTER
IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE CAPABILITY**

1. This letter is to inform the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) about the nature and extent of community consultations undertaken as part of JP154 Phase 1 Counter Improvised Explosive Device Capability Project (Project).

2. In general, no significant issues have been identified throughout Defence's comprehensive and widespread community consultations that will impact on the proposed works, apart from Aboriginal anthropological and heritage issues in Nurrungar, South Australia. However, Defence is satisfied that strategies have been developed that will provide appropriate mitigation.

3. There are 13 project elements that make up the scope of works, broken into two distinct stages as follows:


- a. **Stage 1.** The proposed works under Stage 1 will be delivered at Nurrungar South Australia, and incorporate a test track and support facilities as part of the Counter Improvised Explosive Device Capability.
- b. **Stage 2.** Includes support facilities for the Counter Improvised Explosive Device Capability at the following locations:
 - (1) Defence Science and Technology Organisation and Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit, Edinburgh, South Australia;
 - (2) Defence Force School of Signals, Watsonia, Victoria;
 - (3) Combined Arms Training Centre, Puckapunyal, Victoria;
 - (4) Army Logistics Training Centre, Bandiana, Victoria;

- (5) School of Military Engineering, Holsworthy, New South Wales;
 - (6) Special Operations Engineer Regiment, Holsworthy, New South Wales;
 - (7) School of Infantry, Singleton, New South Wales;
 - (8) 1st Brigade, Darwin, Northern Territory;
 - (9) 3rd Brigade and Combat Training Centre, Townsville, Queensland;
 - (10) 7th Brigade, Enoggerra, Queensland;
 - (11) Special Air Service Regiment, Swanbourne, Western Australia; and
 - (12) Joint Logistics Unit-(East), Moorebank, New South Wales.
4. Broadly, the strategy for community consultation adopted by Defence was undertaken with the objectives of:
- a. ensuring that the community was informed about the project using effective, proven communication channels; and
 - b. ensuring the community had every opportunity to raise issues of concern so that wherever feasible, they could be addressed by Defence in its program of works.
5. Five main activities were undertaken under the Project consultation plan, namely:
- a. stakeholder briefings (listed in Annex A);
 - b. letterbox drop to all residents of Woomera in South Australia, and immediate surrounding area;
 - c. communications with local, state and federal political representative (see Annex B);
 - d. targeted consultation with the Bungarla and Kokotha Unwankara Aboriginal groups in South Australia; and
 - e. provision of a project specific email address to receive community feedback, jp154@aurecongroup.com
6. Comments and feedback have been overwhelmingly supportive of the Project, with the only significant issue being significant anthropological and Aboriginal heritage at the location for the proposed works at Nurrungar, South Australia. Engagement with the Aboriginal traditional owners has included four years of consultation, with Defence making every effort to be inclusive by:
- a. attending community meetings to present the need and reasons for the project, as well as providing Aboriginal groups updates with respect to the project

- b. working with Aboriginal groups and conducting several surveys to determine the most suitable location for the proposed works to minimise impacts on culturally sensitive locations; and
- c. developing an Aboriginal Heritage Protection Plan, which provides project specific management for Aboriginal anthropology and heritage.

7. Defence is satisfied that it has taken all reasonable steps to inform the community about the project and to provide opportunities to raise any concerns they may have.

Yours sincerely



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Annex:

- A. List of Stakeholders Consulted
- B. Local, State and Federal Members Consulted

**ANNEX A TO
JP154 PHASE 1 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT
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LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED

The following is a list of Defence stakeholders consulted by the project team:

Internal Stakeholders

- Capability Development Group
- Defence Science and Technology Organisation
- Aerospace Operational Support Group
- Army Headquarters
- Defence Support and Reform Group Infrastructure Division
- Defence Support and Reform Group – Defence Support Organisation
- Defence Material Organisation
- Defence Security Authority
- Chief Information Officer Group

Regional Defence Stakeholders

- Defence Support and Reform Group, Defence Support – Central West
- Defence Support and Reform Group, Defence Support – Victoria/Tasmania
- Defence Support and Reform Group, Defence Support – Southern New South Wales
- Defence Support and Reform Group, Defence Support – Northern New South Wales
- Defence Support and Reform Group, Defence Support – Southern Queensland
- Defence Support and Reform Group, Defence Support – Northern Queensland

End User Stakeholders

- Defence Science and Technology Organisation and Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit – Edinburgh, South Australia;
- Defence Force School of Signals – Watsonia, Victoria;
- Combined Arms Training Centre – Puckapunyal, Victoria;
- Army Logistics Training Centre – Bandiana, Victoria;
- School of Military Engineering – Holsworthy, New South Wales;
- Special Operations Engineer Regiment – Holsworthy, New South Wales;
- School of Infantry – Singleton, New South Wales;
- 1st Brigade – Darwin, Northern Territory;
- 3rd Brigade and Combat Training Centre – Townsville, Queensland;
- 7th Brigade – Enoggera, Queensland;
- Special Air Service Regiment – Swanbourne, Western Australia; and
- Joint Logistics Unit-(East) – Moorebank, New South Wales;

External Stakeholders

- Kokotha Unwankara Aboriginal Group, South Australia
- Bungarla Aboriginal Group, South Australia
- Kokotha Aboriginal Corporation, South Australia
- Woomera community, South Australia

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The following is a list of Local, State and Federal stakeholders consulted by the project team:

Stage 1

Nurrungar Test and Evaluation Facility – Woomera, South Australia

- Mr Rowan Ramsey MP, Federal Member for Grey
- Mr Edward Hughes MP, State Member for Giles

Stage 2

Defence Science and Technology Organisation and Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit – Edinburgh, South Australia

- Mr Nick Champion MP, Federal Member for Wakefield
- Mrs Leesa Vlahos JP, State Member for Taylor
- Ms Gillian Aldridge, Mayor of the City of Salisbury
- Mr Glenn Docherty, Mayor of the City of Playford

Defence Force School of Signals – Watsonia, Victoria

- The Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Federal Member for Jagajaga
- Mr Colin Brooks MP, State Member for Bundoora
- Cr Craig Langdon, Mayor of the City of Banyule

Combined Arms Training Centre – Puckapunyal, Victoria

- Mr Rob Mitchell MP, Federal Member for McEwen
- Ms Cindy McLeish MP, State Member for Seymour
- Cr Rodney Parker, Mayor of Mitchell Shire Council

Army Logistics Training Centre – Bandiana, Victoria

- Ms Cathy McGowan AO, MP, Federal Member for Indi
- Mr Bill Tilley MLA, State Member for Benambra
- Cr Rod Wangman, Mayor of the City of Wodonga

School of Military Engineering, Special Operations Engineer Regiment, Holsworthy and Joint Logistics Unit – (East), Moorebank, NSW

- Mr Craig Kelly MP, Federal Member for Hughes
- Ms Melanie Gibbons MP, State Member for Menai
- Mr Ned Mannoun, Mayor of the Liverpool City Council

School Infantry – Singleton, New South Wales

- The Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP, Federal Member for Hunter
- The Hon George Souris MP, Member for Upper Hunter
- Cr John Martin OAM, Mayor of Singleton

1st Brigade – Darwin, Northern Territory

- Mrs Natasha Griggs MP, Federal Member for Solomon
- Mr Gerard Wood, Member for Nelson
- Katrina Fong Lim, Lord Mayor of Darwin

3rd Brigade and Combat Training Centre – Townsville, Queensland

- Mr Ewen Jones MP, Federal Member for Herbert
- Mr John Hathaway, State Member for Townsville
- Cr Jenny Hill, Mayor of Townsville City Council

7th Brigade – Enoggera, Queensland

- Mrs Jane Prentice MP, Federal Member for Ryan
- The Hon Campbell Newman, State Member for Ashgrove
- Cr Graham Quirk, Lord Mayor of Brisbane

Special Air Service Regiment – Perth, Western Australia

- The Hon Julie Bishop MP, Federal Member for Curtin
- The Hon Colin Barnett MLA, State Member for Cottesloe
- Lisa-M. Scaffidi, Lord Mayor of Perth