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Senator Dean Smith

Chair

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Smith,

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT FOR THE AIR5428-1 PILOT TRAINING
SYSTEM FACILITIES PROJECT**

This letter is to inform the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) of the nature and extent of community consultation undertaken as part of the AIR5428-1 Pilot Training System (PTS) Facilities Project (the Project).

The Project proposes to deliver works at five Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Bases including: RAAF East Sale in Victoria, RAAF Pearce and RAAF Gingin in Western Australia, RAAF Edinburgh in South Australia, and RAAF Williamtown in New South Wales.

Broadly, the strategy for community consultation adopted by Defence was undertaken with the objectives of:

- ensuring that the Community are informed about the project using effective and proven communication channels; and
- providing opportunities to the Community to raise issues and concerns about the Project that could be addressed by Defence as part of this Project.

Multiple consultation activities were undertaken as follows:

- provision of a project specific website hosted by Defence www.defence.gov.au/id/Air5428;
- a Key Stakeholder Briefing Program with State and Federal members, with individual briefings conducted where requested. Annex A provides details on the members consulted with a short description of the methodology and outcomes;
- a flyer (as detailed at annex B) was mail box dropped to some 7000 properties and main street shops in Sale;
- advertisements about consultation sessions in local newspapers and media as shown at annex C; and
- public information sessions near RAAF East Sale and Pearce outlined in annex D.

Two public information sessions were conducted on 23 and 24 March 2016, with the first session conducted in Sale, Victoria, at the Wellington Entertainment Centre. This session was advertised in the East Gippsland News on 23 March 2016 and online via the PTS Facilities Project website. There were approximately 60 members of the public who attended this information session.

The second public information session was targeted in Western Australia for the residents surrounding RAAF Pearce and RAAF Gingin. This session was held at Lowry Park Hall, Bullsbrook, Western Australia and was advertised in the Midland/Kalamunda Reporter and The Advocate on 22 and 23 March 2016 respectively. Online advertising was also secured on the Echo News website and information was available via the PTS Facilities Project website. There were four attendees at this session.

A table summarising the key issues and concerns is provided at annex D, including how Defence has or proposes to address them. Feedback regarding the Project was positive with strong support from the local community especially in the Sale region, where the majority of the works are planned. Of particular note was the interest from the local industry in terms of local employment opportunities in the Region.

In conclusion, no significant issues have been identified during Defence's community consultation that will impact on the proposed works, and Defence is satisfied that all reasonable steps to inform the Community about the Project and to provide opportunities for the Community to raise concerns.

Yours sincerely,


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Brigadier

Director General Capital Facilities and Infrastructure

1 April 2016

Annexes:

- A. List of Stakeholders Consulted
- B. Flyer - Letter Box Drop
- C. Newspaper and Media Advertisements
- D. Key Questions and Issues Raised at the Community Consultation Sessions

LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED

Stakeholder Name	Organisation	Role	Contact Approach	Status
RAAF BASE EAST SALE				
Elected Representatives				
Councillor Darren McCubbin	Wellington Shire Council	Mayor	Invitation for Project Brief	Nil response to date
Councillor Bob Wenger	Wellington Shire Council	Deputy Mayor	Invitation for Project Brief	Nil response to date
	Wellington Shire Council	Councillors	Invitation for Project Brief	Nil response to date
Honorary Tim Bull MP	Victorian Parliament	Member for Gippsland East	Telephone / email	Phone call to staff email and fact sheet Apology as Parliament sitting day – no request for further briefing
Mr Danny O'Brien MP	Victorian Parliament	Member for Gippsland South	Telephone / email	Wishes to receive briefing once project commences
Honorary Darren Chester MP	Australian Parliament	Member for Gippsland	Telephone / email	Briefed on 23/3/16
Honorary Marise Payne MP	Australian Parliament	Minister for Defence	Telephone / email	Phone call, email and fact sheet Follow up email sent offering opportunity to brief
Harriet Shing MLC	Victorian Parliament	Members of Legislative Council for Eastern Victoria	Telephone / email	Email and fact sheet Follow up phone call – MP is considering the offer and will respond at a later date
Honorary Edward O'Donohue MLC	Victorian Parliament	Members of Legislative Council for Eastern Victoria	Telephone / email	Phone call, email and fact sheet Email reply requesting to be kept informed as the project progresses

Stakeholder Name	Organisation	Role	Contact Approach	Status
Daniel Mulino MLC	Victorian Parliament	Members of Legislative Council for Eastern Victoria	Telephone / email	Email and fact sheet MP will consider offer and respond at a later date
Jeff Bourman MLC	Victorian Parliament	Members of Legislative Council for Eastern Victoria	Telephone / email	Phone call, email and fact sheet Request for direct briefing at the Base on a later date
Melina Bath MLC	Victorian Parliament	Members of Legislative Council for Eastern Victoria	Telephone / email	Phone call, email and fact sheet Would like to organise a briefing together with Danny O'Brien (above) proposing dates of 27 May, week commencing 30 May or week commencing 13 June – Project Team to contact to liaise and confirm arrangements
Indigenous Groups				
	Gunaikurnai Land & Western Australians Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC		Telephone / email	Phone call, email and fact sheet – spoke with Olivia about the project
Brian and Lynne Heath	Sale City Church	Senior Pastors	Telephone / email	Phone message – no reply
Chris Randell	Catholic College Sale – Our Lady of Sion Campus	Principal	Telephone / email	Phone call – Parent teacher night but likely to send a representative to project information session
Cathy Smith	Sale Historical Society	Unknown	Telephone / email	Phone call, email and fact sheet
Helen Montague	Wellington Shire Heritage Network	Unknown	Telephone / email	Phone call , called back 22/3/16 to discuss the project

Stakeholder Name	Organisation	Role	Contact Approach	Status
RAAF BASE PEARCE				
Elected Representatives				
Councillor Mick Wainwright	City of Swan	Mayor	Briefing Invitation	Emailed fact sheet
Councillor Kevin Bailey	City of Swan	Councillor – North Western Australian	Briefing Invitation	Emailed fact sheet
Mr Mike Foley	City of Swan	CEO	Briefing Invitation	Project Brief offered
Mr Francesco (Frank) Angelo Alban MLA	Western Australia State Parliament	Member for SWestern Australian Hill	Telephone / Letter	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Honorary Christian Porter MP	Australian Parliament	Member for Pearce	Telephone / Letter	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Ms Rita Saffioti MLA	Western Australia State Parliament	Member for West SWestern Australian	Telephone / Letter	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Alannah Clohesy	Western Australia State Parliament	Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region	Telephone / Letter	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Donna Faragher	Western Australia State Parliament	Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region	Telephone / Letter	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Alyssa Hayden	Western Australia State Parliament	Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region	Telephone / Letter	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Helen Morton	Western Australia State Parliament	Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region	Telephone / Letter	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Samantha Rowe	Western Australia State Parliament	Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region	Telephone / Letter	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Amber-Jade Sanderson	Western Australia State	Member of the Legislative	Telephone / Letter	Phone call made, followed

Stakeholder Name	Organisation	Role	Contact Approach	Status
	Parliament	Council for East Metropolitan Region		by email letter
Indigenous Groups				
Whadjuk People		unknown		Emailed information through website
RAAF BASE GINGIN				
Elected Representatives				
Councillor Steve Vallance	Shire of Chittering	Shire President	Briefing Invitation	Emailed fact sheet.
	Shire of Chittering	Councillors	Briefing Invitation	Emailed fact sheet
Councillor David Roe	Shire of Gingin	Shire President	Briefing Invitation	Emailed fact sheet
Mr Ronald (Shane) Love MLA	Western Australia State Parliament	Member for Moore	Telephone / Email	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Jim Chown	Western Australia State Parliament	Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region	Telephone / Email	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Martin Aldridge	Western Australia State Parliament	Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region	Telephone / Email	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Paul Brown	Western Australia State Parliament	Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region	Telephone / Email	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Brian Ellis	Western Australia State Parliament	Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region	Telephone / Email	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Rick Mazza	Western Australia State Parliament	Member of the Legislative Council for East Metropolitan Region	Telephone / Email	Phone call made, followed by email letter
Darren West	Western Australia State Parliament	Member of the Legislative Council for East	Telephone / Email	Phone call made, followed by email letter

Stakeholder Name	Organisation	Role	Contact Approach	Status
		Metropolitan Region		
Indigenous Groups				
Whadjuk People		Unknown	Telephone / Email	Emailed project information through website
Yued People		Unknown	Telephone / Email	Emailed information on the project

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RAAF BASE EDINBURGH				
Elected Representatives				
Mayor Gillian Aldridge	City of Salisbury Council	Mayor	Email / letter	Email and Fact Sheet sent 30/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16
Mayor Glenn Docherty	City of Playford	Mayor	Email / letter	Email and Fact Sheet sent 30/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16
Honorary Leesa Vlahos	SA State Parliament	State Member for Taylor	Email / letter	Email and Fact Sheet sent 30/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16
Honorary Mark Butler MP	Australian Parliament	Federal Member for Port Adelaide	Email / letter	Email and Fact Sheet sent 30/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16
Mr Nick Champion MP	Australian Parliament	Federal Member for Wakefield	Email / letter	Email and Fact Sheet sent 30/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16
Indigenous groups				
Kuarna Peoples		Unknown	Email / letter	Email and Fact Sheet sent 31/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16
Community stakeholders				
	Renewal South Australia	Unknown	Newgate	Email and Fact Sheet sent 31/03/16 Follow up call 31/03/16

Stakeholder Name	Organisation	Role	Contact Approach	Status
RAAF BASE WILLIAMTOWN				
Elected Representatives				
Mayor Bruce MacKenzie	Port Stephens Council	Mayor	Email / letter	Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016
Ms Kate Western Australiashington MP	New South Wales State Parliament	Member for Port Stephens	Email / letter	Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016
Ms Jenny Aitchison MP	New South Wales State Parliament	Member for Maitland	Email / letter	Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016
Mr Tim Crakanthorp MP	New South Wales State Parliament	Member for Newcastle	Email / letter	Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016
Ms Sharon Claydon MP	Australian Parliament	Member for Newcastle	Email / letter	Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016
Honorary Bob Baldwin MP	Australian Parliament	Member for Paterson	Email / letter	Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016
Indigenous Groups				Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016
Andrew Smith	WORIMI Local Aboriginal Land Council	CEO	Email / letter	Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016
Business and Industry				
Peter Cock	Newcastle Airport	Chief Executive Officer	Email / letter	Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016
Simon Glover	Mercure Newcastle Airport	Hotel Manager	Email / letter	Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016
Mike Colecliffe	Tiligerry Chamber of Commerce	Unknown	Email / letter	Phone call to discuss the project made on 31/3/2016

Flyer - Letter Box Drop



Community Information Session

AIR5428 PHASE 1 Pilot Training System Facilities Project

RAAF Base East Sale

17 March 2016

Dear neighbour,

The Department of Defence is writing to inform you that it will be holding a Community Information Session to outline the proposed new and upgraded facilities required to support the modern joint training system being delivered by the AIR5428 Phase 1 Capability Project. These facilities are subject to Parliamentary approval.

The purpose of the drop-in style session is to provide information on what is proposed under the project, including at RAAF Base East Sale, and seek feedback from the community.

Community members are welcome to attend the follow session:

When: Wednesday 23 March 2016

Time: Anytime between 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Where: The Hua Room, Wellington Entertainment Centre, 100 Foster Street, Sale

A brief fact sheet on the project is provided on the back of this letter. You can also find out more by emailing ptsfacilitiesproject@defence.gov.au

We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards

Group Captain Mark McCallum

Air 5428 Phase 1 – Pilot Training System Facilities Project

Community Consultation

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Community members are welcome to attend the follow sessions:

Bullsbrook, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

When: Thursday 24th March, 2016

Time: 1830hrs to 1930hrs

Where: Lowery Park Hall, 6 Eden Drive, Bullsbrook

Sale, VIC

When: Wednesday 23rd March, 2016

Time: 18:30hrs – 19:30hrs

Where: The Hua Room, Wellington Entertainment Centre, 100 Foster Street, Sale

Newspaper Advertisement



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Department of Defence will be holding a Public Information Session for the Pilot Training Systems Facilities Project at RAAF Base East Sale, VIC.

When: Wednesday 23 March 2016.

Time: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Where: The Hua Room, Wellington Entertainment Centre,
100 Foster Street, Sale.

Information and displays outlining the proposed works will be available at the session. Representatives from the Department of Defence will also be available to answer any questions. For further information on the project, to download information or to make a submission, go to www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Key Questions and Issues Raised at the Community Consultation Sessions

Issues Matrix – RAAF Base East Sale		
Issues/questions raised that have been addressed during the consultation period		
Issue/question:	Discussed with:	How each issue has been addressed:
Opportunities for Business	Community members and local business	Attendees at the community information session were advised in general terms about Defence procurement processes and project timeframes however it was noted that further information would be made available as the procurement process progressed. There was significant interest in a proposed industry briefing session.
Construction-related traffic	Council and community members	The proposed traffic management model discussed at the session was seen as broadly positive. The project team also noted that the impact of construction traffic on local roads will be factored into the project planning in order to address strongly held community concerns.
Impact on West Sale Airport	Residents and local businesses	ADF representatives at the information session addressed particular issues raised by residents and local businesses, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impact on flying times from increased PTS flying periods; - Potential for upgrades to West Sale airport facilities as part of the project; and - Continuation and potential expansion of some service contracts with small business based at West Sale
Aircraft Noise	Residents and local businesses	Inquiries about this issue were discussed at the information session, with the project team noting that the proposed new aircraft are not noisier and that there is no proposed increase in the amount of time each week when flights will be scheduled – but that an increase in the number of flights will occur. The role of flight simulation in the training program was also discussed with attendees. This issue will be further addressed at a proposed

		consultation process specifically to discuss this issue.
Benefits for the community	Community members	The project team and RAAF Base East Sale command noted the community's hope that the benefits of the project will extend beyond local contractors to include benefits for tourism and accommodation providers, housing and increased engagement with the Base. The project team will factor this into the project planning and post project operations.
Ongoing engagement and information	Council and community	The information session also included a number of requests for ongoing information about the project as it progresses. A specific request was for advertising and public awareness around a proposed open day at the base. There was also a request for a formal community briefing on the project once it is finally approved. This was noted by the project team and will be part of ongoing project planning.
Issues Matrix – RAAF Base Pearce		
Issues/questions raised that have been addressed during the consultation period		
Issue/question:	Discussed with:	How each issue has been addressed:
Increase in air traffic	Information session attendee	ADF representatives noted that they do not expect the like for like replacement aircraft to create additional noise.
Notification of RAAF projects	Information session attendee	It was explained that Defence projects worth in excess of \$15 million are subject to approval by the Australian Parliament through the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and that the PTS Facilities Project triggered this process.
Transition between old and new aircraft	Former RAAF Base Pearce employee	A former RAAF Base Pearce employee attended and was interested in the transition between the old PC-9 and the new PC-21 aircraft. The Defence representatives in attendance explained the technical differences between the two aircraft.