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Mrs Karen Andrews MP
Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Mrs Andrews,

**DEFENCE TERRESTRIAL COMMUNICATION NETWORK FACILITIES AND
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT — COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT**

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 project. In summary, no issues have been raised through Defence's community consultations.

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

- ensuring that the public was informed of the project using cost effective, wide ranging communication channels; and
- ensuring that the public had every opportunity to raise issues of concern or seek further information.

The consultation activities undertaken were:

- publication of a project web page including e-mail facility for public inquiries and comments, <http://www.defence.gov.au/cio/srb/tc.htm>;
- a direct email to local, State and Federal members; and
- an advertisement in a national newspaper.

Defence is satisfied that it has taken all reasonable steps to inform the community about the project and to provide an appropriate forum for questions and comments to be raised.

The lack of response to emails and the website suggests that the key issues have been adequately addressed and the project is generally not considered contentious.

Yours sincerely

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