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**Mr Scott Buchholz MP**  
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Buchholz,

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT FOR THE JP2008 PHASE 5B2  
WIDEBAND SATELLITE CAPABILITY – SATELLITE GROUND STATION-EAST  
FACILITIES PROJECT AT KAPOOKA MILITARY AREA, WAGGA WAGGA, NSW**

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 JP2008 Phase 5B2 Wideband Satellite Capability – Satellite Ground Station-East Facilities Project at Kapooka Military Area, Wagga Wagga, NSW (the Project).

The objectives of the community consultation undertaken by Defence were to ensure that the community:

- a. was well informed about the Project by using effective and proven communication channels to convey details of the proposed works; and
- b. had every opportunity to raise issues of concern or seek further information so that, wherever feasible, they could be addressed by Defence in its proposed program of works.

Multiple activities were undertaken to achieve these objectives, namely:

- a. Correspondence sent by post to State and Federal Members of Parliament, local Council and local Business Chamber with individual briefings conducted where requested. A list of stakeholders and a status of each briefing is provided at Annex A while an example of the standard invitation letter is provided at Annex B;
- b. Advertisements on Community Consultation sessions appeared in the local paper, the Daily Advertiser, in the classifieds / public notices section on 4, 8 and 10 July 2017, a copy of which is provided at Annex C; and
- c. A single Public Information Session was undertaken at the International Hotel Wagga Wagga on Tuesday 11 July 2017 between 4:00pm and 7:00pm. Details on the community's attendance at the session are provided at Annex D.

The feedback received from those consulted to date has been positive and supportive of the proposed works with no significant issues identified or concerns raised. A table summarising the issues and questions raised, and how these have been addressed by Defence, is provided at Annex E.

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

Yours sincerely,

**N.F. BEUTEL**

Brigadier

Director General Capital Facilities and Infrastructure

**4** September 2017

**Annexes:**

- A. List of Stakeholders Consulted and Briefing Status
- B. Example of Briefing Invitation Letter
- C. Newspaper Advertisements
- D. Public Information Session Attendance Summary
- E. Summary of Key Issues Raised During Public Information Session

**LIST OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED AND BRIEFING STATUS**  
**JP2008 PHASE 5B2 SATELLITE GROUND STATION-EAST FACILITIES PROJECT, KAPOOKA MILITARY AREA, WAGGA**  
**WAGGA, NSW**

STAKEHOLDER	NAME AND ORGANISATION	DATE OF CONSULTATION	COMMENTS
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	Hon. Michael McCormack Member of the Federal Electorate of Riverina, NSW	26 June 2017  Briefing yet to occur (if required)	<p>26 June 2017 – Official letter from Defence Project Director sent via post to Office of Member with details of the project, its referral and offer of further consultation.</p> <p>10 July 2017 – Defence Project Director called the Office of the Member to confirm the letter was received and whether they request further consultation. Stated the letter was received and did not indicate if an additional briefing was required.</p> <p>14 August 2017 – Defence Project Director called the Office of the Member to confirm if a briefing was required. Staff from the Member's Office, advised there had been some staff changes, acknowledged the offer and advised they may call back if required.</p> <p>21 August 2017 – A new staff member from the Member's Office called the Defence Project Director, acknowledged the offer, but did not indicate the requirement for a briefing.</p>
STATE GOVERNMENT	Hon. Mr Daryl William Maguire Member for New South Wales Electorate of Wagga Wagga	26 June 2017  Briefing yet to occur (if required)	<p>26 June 2017 – Official letter from Defence Project Director sent via post to Office of Member with details of the project, its referral and offer of further consultation.</p> <p>10 July 2017 – Defence Project Director called the Office of the Member to confirm the letter was received and whether they request further consultation. Stated the letter was received and did not indicate if an additional briefing was required.</p> <p>14 August 2017 – Defence Project Director called the Office of the Member to confirm if a briefing was required. Staff from the Member's Office acknowledged the offer, and advised they would check and call back if required.</p> <p>21 August 2017 – Member's Office called the Defence Project</p>

STAKEHOLDER	NAME AND ORGANISATION	DATE OF CONSULTATION	COMMENTS
			Director and advised staff may be interested in a briefing at some time in the future, closer to construction.
LOCAL COUNCIL	City of Wagga Wagga Council	26 June 2017  Briefing yet to occur (if required)	<p>26 June 2017 – Official letter from Defence Project Director sent via post to City of Wagga Council with details of the project, its referral and offer of further consultation.</p> <p>10 July 2017 – Defence Project Director called the Council to confirm the letter was received and whether they request further consultation. Project Director was then put through to the action officer for the letter, Director of Planning and Development. Stated the letter was received and did not indicate if an additional briefing was required.</p> <p>14 August 2017 – Defence Project Director called the Council to confirm if a briefing was required. Staff advised the Action Officer had resigned and provided an alternative contact for future enquiries. Briefing requirement is yet to be confirmed.</p>
LOCAL BUSINESS CHAMBER	Wagga Wagga Business Chamber	26 June 2017  Briefing yet to occur (if required)	<p>26 June 2017 – Official letter from Defence Project Director sent via post to City of Wagga Council with details of the project, its referral and offer of further consultation.</p> <p>10 July 2017 – Defence Project Director called the Business Chamber to confirm the letter was received and whether they request further consultation. Stated the letter was received and was to be raised at a Chamber meeting on 11 July 2017, but did not indicate if an additional briefing was required.</p> <p>14 August 2017 – Defence Project Director called the Business Chamber and was advised the matter had been raised at the July meeting with no subsequent action. Staff at the Chamber advised they would raise it again at the 14 August 2017 meeting, but a briefing would be unlikely, but may be appropriate approaching them again closer to construction.</p>

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## **EXAMPLE OF BRIEFING INVITATION LETTER**



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The Hon. Daryl Maguire MP (NSW)  
Member for Wagga Wagga  
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Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Dear Daryl

### **SATELLITE GROUND STATION EAST FACILITIES PROJECT KAPOOKA MILITARY AREA, WAGGA WAGGA, NEW SOUTH WALES**

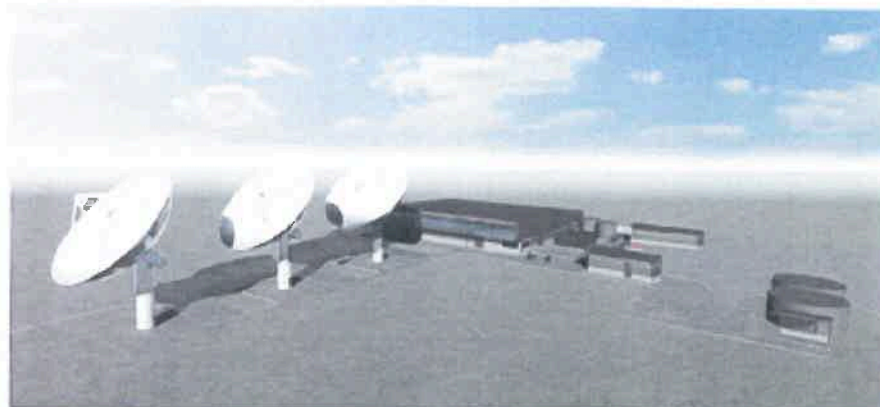
On behalf of the Department of Defence, I would like to inform you of proposed works under the Joint Project 2008 Phase 5B2 Wideband Satellite Capability – Satellite Ground Station East Facilities Project, Kapooka Military Area, Wagga Wagga, New South Wales. These works are subject to Parliamentary approval.

The project has been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) and the full Statement of Evidence can be viewed on the PWC's website at the following address:

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Joint/Public\\_Works/JP2008](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works/JP2008)

The aim of the works is to construct a satellite ground station to anchor wideband satellite communications for the Australia Defence Force. The proposed works include construction of a transmission building, foundation infrastructure for three satellite dishes, utilities and road connections to the site as well as flood protection and stormwater works. These works are wholly situated on Defence managed land.

The architect's perspective of the facility can be seen in Figure 1.



**Figure 1: Architect's Perspective**

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Should you require an individual briefing on the proposed works, either in-person or via telephone, please contact me via email at [sgseast@defence.gov.au](mailto:sgseast@defence.gov.au).

Defence will also be holding a Community Information Session at Wagga on the proposed works. Further detail on the proposed works, as well as the upcoming Community Information Session, is available at <http://www.defence.gov.au/id/JP2008Ph5B>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Doug Fox'.

**Doug Fox**  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Project Director NSW  
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Department of Defence

26 June 2017

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## **NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT**



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#### **Notice of Community Information Sessions**

#### **Satellite Ground Station East Facilities Project**

#### **Kapooka Military Area, Wagga Wagga, New South Wales**

The Department of Defence is holding a Community Information Session to outline proposed facilities works at Kapooka Military Area in Wagga Wagga under the Joint Project 2008 Phase 5B2 Wideband Satellite Capability program. These works are subject to Parliamentary approval.

The aim of the works is to construct a satellite ground station to anchor wideband satellite communications for the Australia Defence Force. The proposed works include construction of a transmission building, foundation infrastructure for satellite dishes, utilities and road connections to the site as well as flood protection and stormwater works. These works are wholly situated on Defence managed land.

You are invited to attend the following Community Information Session:

#### **Community Information Session**

- **Date:** Tuesday 11 July 2017
- **Time:** Between 4pm – 7pm
- **Where:** Avenue Two, International Hotel Wagga, 2 Lake Albert Road, Wagga Wagga

If you would like further information on the proposed works or the upcoming Community Information Session, please refer to <http://www.defence.gov.au/id/JP2008Ph5B>. Alternatively, you can contact the Defence Project Team via email at [sgseast@defence.gov.au](mailto:sgseast@defence.gov.au).



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## **PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

A total of four (4) community members attended the Public Information Session that was held at the International Hotel Wagga in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales on Tuesday 11 July 2017 between 4:00pm and 7:00pm.

The attendees were from the local area surrounding the proposed works site and included:

- a. two land owners of the property adjacent to the proposed site;
- b. a cattle grazier who utilises Kapooka Military Area land under local arrangements; and
- c. an interested community member.



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## **SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES RAISED DURING PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION**

A summary of the key issues raised during all consultation activities, as well as Defence's response to these issues, is provided in the table below.

**Overview:** Stakeholders were generally supportive of the proposed works and did not raise any significant issues or concerns that will impact the Project. Any issues or concerns raised were addressed by Defence at the meeting to the satisfaction of the community member.

<b>Issue/Question:</b>	<b>Raised by:</b>	<b>How each issue has been addressed:</b>
<i>Will water flows be affected by project?</i>	Members of the Public (Adjacent landholders)	No. The project will not touch existing detention or retention basins in the area nor construct any. A component of the project scope is overland flow (flood) protection, including swales and diversion flows to help prevent a flood washing over the site. This is designed to protect the facility from a 1 in 100 year event.
<i>Will diversion flows reduce water flow on property?</i>		Unrelated to flood protection, there may be a slight increase in runoff from the facility with the increased hardstand areas during rain events but this will drain into the existing drainage networks and will not affect adjacent properties.
<i>Will there be any changes to the retention dam?</i>		All new diversion flows drain into the existing drainage network. The drainage system has been designed such that it will not create erosion or pollution problems and will not interfere with natural drainage patterns of the site.
<i>Will there be any changes to fencing situation? (concern with respect to kangaroos as pests)</i>		The project will not touch existing detention or retention basins in the area nor construct any new ones.
<i>Will the facility impact existing telecommunications in the area, or wifi?</i>		No changes to the fencing separating Defence managed land from non-Defence managed land.
		No impact.

<b>Issue/Question:</b>	<b>Raised by:</b>	<b>How each issue has been addressed:</b>
<p><i>Any changes to leased property boundary?</i></p> <p><i>Will rifle range and training area continue to be used?</i></p>		<p>No changes.</p> <p>Yes, the rifle range will continue to be used. The project does not impact on regular Kapooka Military Area training operations.</p>
<p><i>General interest in project, supportive</i></p> <p><i>Any impact on grazing?</i></p>	<p>Member of the Public (cattle grazier)</p>	<p>No impact on cattle grazing.</p>
<p><i>Seeking employment opportunities resulting from Project.</i></p>	<p>Member of the Public</p>	<p>Once operational, the facility is unmanned and will be controlled from Canberra.</p> <p>Any ongoing employment opportunities will be largely through Capability Contractors (Northrop Grumman and ViaSat).</p> <p>Employment opportunities during the facility construction will be via proposed Capability Construction Contractor, Hansen Yuncken and a Builder that will be engaged to deliver site infrastructure works.</p> <p>Employment opportunities for Base maintenance and security will be through the Defence Base Management Services Provider, Spotless Pty Ltd.</p>
<b>Issues that cannot be addressed</b>		
No issues were taken on notice, all questions and issues were addressed at the session.		