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(Enhanced Land Force Stage 1 Facilities)



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Dear Mr Catchpole,

Thank you for your letter of 27 November 2008 seeking a submission from Townsville City Council in the proposal to provide facilities and supporting infrastructure for the Enhanced Land Force Project Stage 1 at Lavarack Barracks, Townsville.

The Townsville community is proud of its reputation as Australia's leading garrison city and of its ongoing involvement in major operational deployments to East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Notwithstanding the importance of these contributions, Townsville is poised to offer even greater opportunity and capacity for developing Australia's defence capability over the next decade and beyond.

As part of the Enhanced Land Force (ELF) initiative, the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment will relocate to Lavarack Barracks by 2011. This will add another 700-800 personnel to the Army's presence in Townsville.

The increasing activity of the ADF in Townsville has been matched by the increasing support of the Townsville community.

By 2030 Townsville's population will exceed 300,000. The city's growth will extend its capacity to accommodate increased ADF activity. Future planning gives priority to strengthening critical economic and transport infrastructure; while the continued expansion and diversification of local industry will create greater scope for providing services, amenity and procurement support to ADF establishments and personnel.

Defence is a vital part of Townsville's economy, and a large range of services is procured locally by ADF establishments.

Townsville City Council acknowledges the great contribution made by the defence community to this city and we look forward to welcoming the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment to Lavarack Barracks following completion of works to upgrade existing facilities.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Les Tyrell".

Les Tyrell
Mayor of Townsville

Copy to: Brigadier Stuart Smith (3rd Brigade) and Deputy Mayor