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Mr J. Fuhrman
Inquiry Secretary
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Fuhrman

**Re: Submission to the Parliamentary Sub Committee on Public Works –
Provision of Facilities for Project Single LEAP – Phase 2**

The City of Salisbury is considered by many to be a strategic hub in the Australian defence Industry and is home to many key Defence organisations and facilities such as RAAF. As such our Council remains very supportive of the continued development currently being planned for on RAAF Base Edinburgh.

Located within Salisbury the operations of the RAAF Base are of key importance in providing opportunities for enhancing the economic and social capability of our area.

This is being achieved by either direct or indirect employment, stimulating ancillary industry development, sourcing of supplies or meeting the housing, social and recreational needs of base personnel. Equally the City of Salisbury continues to be cognisant of RAAF's needs in relation to accessibility to the base and through appropriate land use zoning adjacent the base to ensure ongoing operational capability.

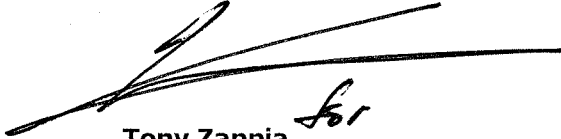
The implementation of Phase 2 of the LEAP program will further enhance the significant contributions and integration mechanisms already in place. However to maximise these opportunities we believe the Sub Committee should give consideration to the following:-

- i. The public private partnership arrangements envisage a 30year maintenance agreement, for facilities. As this is a considerable period and notwithstanding intricate details of this arrangement are unknown, we consider it important for the Sub Committee to examine ways in which the agreement could be constructed so as to facilitate employment opportunities for the local community of Salisbury and surrounds.

- ii. The LEAP Phase 2 project scope details the need to enhance Ecologically Sustainable Development principles albeit primarily applied to energy and built form. The City of Salisbury is regarded as a world leader in the application of sustainable water management practices and as such believes that the project scope should be enhanced by making specific reference to the need to incorporate water sustainability principles. Similarly the landscape development of the site should not only reflect those performance criteria referred to in the project scope but should also have regard to water sensitive landscape development.
- iii. The implementation of Phase 2 and its subsequent occupation from 2011, together with locations external to the base, will see a significant influx of service personnel and their families to our area. The successful assimilation of these people into our local community is seen as particularly important for them and indeed ourselves in contributing to the overall and ongoing success of RAAF operations. Whilst it is recognised that this initiative is not directly related to the provision of infrastructure, it is regarded of some considerable importance and we would appreciate the opportunity to discuss how best this can be achieved.

Thankyou for the opportunity to provide a submission on this proposal and should you wish to seek clarification on any of these issues, please do not hesitate to contact Mr John Harry, Director of Strategic Planning on (08) 84068293.

Yours faithfully



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