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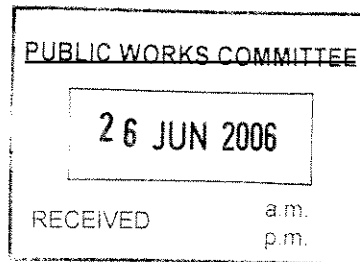
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Dear Sir

RE: FACILITIES UPGRADE TO SHOALWATER BAY TRAINING AREA, ROCKHAMPTON, QLD.

On behalf of the Livingstone Shire Council I would like to lend the Shire's in principle support for this project. The Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SBTA) is recognised both nationally and internationally as an excellent facility and the addition of these proposed resources will further enhance its operability.

As the entire SBTA is contained within our Shire, and comprises a large percentage of our land mass, it is clearly significant for us. We believe any enhancement of the facility should also provide for further upgrade and enhancement of the road and general transport infrastructure service the entire facility.

Livingstone Shire Council therefore requests that a firm commitment be made to the provision of the outstanding \$8.5-\$9 M now required to complete the SBTA Access Roads Master Plan (please see attached electronic submission). Council's ongoing support of this facility is also contingent on ADF entering into an acceptable formal and binding maintenance agreement with LSC.

Council looks forward to the Federal Government's positive response to the above funding and maintenance request.

Council would also like to take this opportunity to commend ADF on the level of community consultation it has undertaken in regard to this project.

Yours faithfully

CR BILL LUDWIG
MAYOR, LIVINGSTONE SHIRE COUNCIL