

Introduction

Inquiry process

- 1.1 On 8 August 2001 the proposal for the redevelopment of residential areas adjacent to the Gallipoli Army Barracks at Enoggera, Brisbane, Queensland, was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report to Parliament, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*.¹
- 1.2 The Hon Peter Slipper MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, advised the House of Representatives that the estimated cost of the proposed works was \$15.8 million. Mr Slipper further noted that subject to parliamentary approval, it was intended to commence work on the proposed redevelopment in April 2002 with a completion date of December 2002.²
- 1.3 The Committee sought submissions by advertising the Inquiry in the *Courier Mail* on 23 August 2001 and the *North West News* on 8 September 2001. The Committee also sought submission from organisation and individuals with a possible interest in the Inquiry.³
- 1.4 On 21 September 2001 the Committee inspected the site for the proposed works at Enoggera, Brisbane, Queensland and was briefed by officers of the Defence Housing Authority (DHA).

1 Extract from *Votes and Proceedings* No. 200, 8 August 2001.

2 House of Representatives, *Hansard*, 8 August 2001, p. 29463.

3 A list of Submissions is at Appendix A.

- 1.5 Following the inspection, the Committee held a public hearing at the Graythorne RSL Hall, Mitchelton, Brisbane, Queensland and took evidence from representatives of the Department of Defence; DHA; and the National Consultative Group of Service Families. A list of submissions is at Appendix A and a list of witnesses who appeared at the public hearing at Appendix B.

Scope of the proposal

- 1.6 The proposed works are to take place on a site adjacent to the Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, Brisbane, Queensland. The proposed works involve the construction of 69 detached residences.⁴
- 1.7 At the public hearing DHA advised the Committee that the number of proposed residences had been reduced from 69 to 66. The rationale for the reduction advanced by DHA was an increase in the area allocated for a community park following discussions with the Brisbane City Council and representations from local residents, and the location of a stormwater drain in the area.⁵

Site location and description

- 1.8 The site of the proposed works is approximately 6 kilometres north west of the Brisbane CBD. The proposed works are situated within and surrounding Nambour, Coolum and Wanimo Streets, Enoggera, Brisbane and are adjacent to the Gallipoli Army Barracks. A site location map is attached at Appendix C.
- 1.9 A Citibus bus service passes adjacent to the site and provides a transport link for residents and adjoining residential areas to the Brookside Shopping Centre, the Enoggera Bus Rail Interchange and the Brisbane CBD.
- 1.10 The site for the proposed works was acquired by the Commonwealth as a residential estate in the 1960s to accommodate Defence Force personnel and their families.⁶ The proposed works replace 41 houses which were

4 Submissions, p. 1.

5 Evidence, p. 2.

6 Submissions, p. 2

removed from the site in 1999.⁷ The site for the proposed works is vacant and owned by DHA.⁸

History of Gallipoli Army barracks

- 1.11 The site of the proposed housing redevelopment is adjacent to the Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, Brisbane, Queensland. The Gallipoli Barracks are the most significant Army facility in South East Queensland and the third most significant Land Command facility nationally after Robertson Barracks in Darwin and Lavarack Barracks in Townsville.⁹
- 1.12 The land on which the Gallipoli Barracks are situated was purchased in 1908 for the establishment and training of defence units and to provide for rifle range facilities.¹⁰ Development during the period 1900-21 included the construction of a rifle range, ordnance facilities, a school of musketry, artillery facilities, a hospital, an ammunition depot, a depot for remount horses and camp facilities for citizen forces.¹¹ During the 1950s facilities were provided for an infantry battalion and a construction squadron.¹² An area transport company, supply depot, trade training centre and personnel depot were constructed in 1962.¹³ A regular army task force was located at Enoggera in the 1960s.¹⁴ A major development program, Enoggera Stage 1, was carried out between 1965-67 and a further major development program, Enoggera Stage 2, commenced in 1979 and was completed in 1981.¹⁵
- 1.13 The current role of Gallipoli Barracks is to provide a base for 7th Brigade, the Deployable Joint Force Headquarters, associated fulltime and part time land forces and training and logistic units.¹⁶

7 Submissions, p. 2.

8 Submissions, p. 6.

9 Exhibit 1, p. 1.

10 Exhibit 1, p. 2.

11 Exhibit 1, p. 2.

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14 Exhibit 1, p. 2.

15 Exhibit 1, p. 2.

16 Exhibit 1, p. 3.

The cost

- 1.14 The estimated cost of the proposed works when referred to the Committee was \$15.8 million.¹⁷ This includes construction costs, civil works, headworks charges, contingency and professional fees.¹⁸
- 1.15 At the public hearing DHA advised the Committee that the estimated original cost of the proposal was reduced from \$15.8 million to \$15.5 million as a consequence of the reduction in the number of proposed residences to be constructed from 69 to 66.¹⁹

17 House of Representatives, *Hansard*, 8 August 2001, p. 29463.

18 Submissions, p. 10.

19 Evidence, p. 2.