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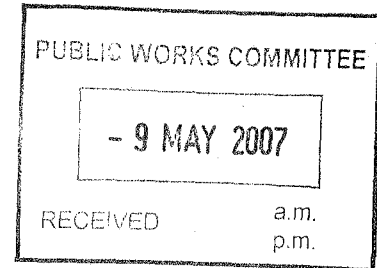
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

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Dear Ms Moylan,

**Re: PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PROJECT SINGLE LEAP – PHASE 2**

I am writing in response to Submission No. 4 from Mr Ray Brownlee, General Manager, Randwick City Council, in relation to the proposed Project Single LEAP Phase 2 project.

**Background**

The Committee's Research Officer forwarded a copy of Submission No.4 to Defence by facsimile on 03 May 2007. In Submission No.4, Mr Brownlee raises some issues relating to the cumulative impact of the proposed provision of 650 permanent living in accommodation at Randwick Barracks on the surrounding communities.

**Supplementary Submission**

Defence acknowledges the ongoing supportive relationship that currently exists with the Randwick City Council.

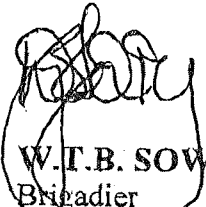
In response to specific issues raised by Mr Brownlee, Defence offers the following comments:

- Project Single LEAP originates from a 2003 Defence review of living in accommodation (LIA) which sought to address the sub-standard nature of existing living in accommodation, provide a long term strategy for the future provision of LIA and present funding options to improve LIA.
- In the 2004-05 Budget, the Federal Government agreed to provide \$113.2m over the following four years for Project Single LEAP, with an annual ongoing funding commitment, to provide modern accommodation to Australian Defence Force members without dependants, potentially through Public Private Partnership arrangements.

Government funding for this project has been allocated specifically for accommodation and surrounding precinct amenities only.

- The standard of LIA is a key contributor to enhancing recruitment and retention of Australian Defence Force (ADF) members.
- An accommodation service for 650 units is to be delivered at Randwick Barracks as part of Phase 2 Single LEAP, with delivery expected to be complete by the end of 2013. These units will provide a permanent replacement for the sub-standard living in accommodation, currently provided for junior Royal Australian Navy personnel, under leased arrangements at Endeavour House, within the Randwick City Council jurisdiction.
- Defence acknowledges the potential cumulative impact on traffic congestion on the surrounding communities and will undertake further traffic management studies before preferred tenderer status is awarded. It should be noted, however, that due to space constraints on the Randwick Barracks site, it is anticipated that car parking will be offered on the basis of two car parks per three units, thus potentially reducing the number of motor vehicles to no more than 434.
- Historically, the relatively junior nature of the residents at Endeavour House and the accessibility of public transport in the central Sydney region, have resulted in decreasing numbers of car ownership. There are currently 192 under utilised car spaces on site at Endeavour House for the extant 550 rooms at this facility. Defence currently provides shuttle services to and from Endeavour house to transport residents to their respective Naval bases throughout the Sydney metropolitan area and this arrangement is expected to continue following relocation of this accommodation to Randwick Barracks.
- Defence recognises the importance of ongoing consultation with the Randwick City Council and will establish a framework of consultative forums to ensure the project progresses in conjunction with the respective capability needs of Defence and the local Randwick community.

Yours sincerely,



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