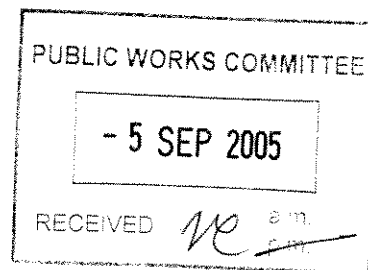


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31 August 2005

The Secretary  
Public Works Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Sir/Madam

**RELOCATION OF THE RAAF COLLEGE OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL TO RAAF BASE EAST SALE**

The Gippsland Local Government Network represents the six Councils of Gippsland – Wellington, East Gippsland, South Gippsland, Latrobe, Bass Coast and Baw Baw – and wishes to express its strong support to the Committee for the relocation of the RAAF College Officer Training School to the RAAF Base East Sale.

This issue has been on the Network's agenda for several years and we recognise the importance of the Base to the whole Gippsland region. There is a need to stop the decline in the number of personnel at the RAAF Base East Sale and we encourage the Government to take the opportunity to expand the Base.

Hence, the Gippsland Local Government Network strongly supports the relocation of the RAAF College Officer Training School to East Sale. Should you require any further information, the Mayor of Wellington Shire Council is a member of the Network and he will be attending the hearing and is able to answer any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth McDonald".

**Councillor Ruth McDonald  
Chair**

**GLGN Members:**

**Bass Coast Shire, Baw Baw Shire, East Gippsland Shire, City of Latrobe,  
South Gippsland Shire, and Wellington Shire Councils.**