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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
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Dear Secretary

I am writing in regard to the Committee's current Inquiry into the Enhanced Land Force Stage 2 Facilities Project (Department of Defence).

The Stage 2 Facilities Project includes upgrade works at Lavarack Barracks, Mount Stuart Training Area and Townsville Field Training Area.

I would like to express Townsville City Council's support for these works and the objectives of the Enhanced Land Force project. Under Stage One of the Enhanced Land Force project, capital works are currently underway at Lavarack Barracks to facilitate the relocation of 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment to Townsville in 2012.

The Australian Defence Organisation is a vital part of Townsville's community and economy. Defence personnel and their dependants make up almost 9% of the local population.

Townsville City Council looks forward to the completion of the Enhanced Land Force project, and will continue working in the future with the Australian Defence Organisation to help maximise the city's development as a major base for defence operations.

Yours sincerely



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