

General comments

- 5.1 The Committee has considered in this report the proposed housing redevelopment at Enoggera, Brisbane, Queensland against each of its statutory reporting requirements.
- 5.2 On the basis of evidence presented as part of the Inquiry process, the Committee is of the opinion that there is a proven need for the proposed works.
- 5.3 Further, that on the basis of evidence presented as part of the Inquiry process that the proposed works have the potential to maximise the revenue return to the Commonwealth from any future sale. However, this finding of the Committee is predicated on the Queensland Environmental Agency not recommending that the site of the proposed works should be listed on the Environmental Management Register.
- 5.4 The Committee did not receive any adverse submissions to the proposed works.
- 5.5 The Committee has concerns regarding the recommendation by DHA's consultant URS Australia Pty Ltd that it would be prudent to warn future land owners of the presence of elevated concentrations of naturally occurring arsenic in the soil. This would minimise the potential for adverse human health impacts via excess soil ingestion or use of home grown fruit and vegetables.
- 5.6 Further, the Committee is in agreement with the Managing Director of DHA, Mr Keith Lyon that if the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency were to recommend that the site of the proposed works should be listed on the Environmental Management Register, the Board of DHA should not give its approval to proceed with the proposed works.

Recommendation 4

- 5.7 **The Committee recommends that, subject to a finding of the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency that the site of the proposed works not be listed on the Environment Management Register and implementation of recommendation 1, the proposed housing redevelopment at Enoggera, Brisbane, Queensland proceed at a cost of \$15.5 million.**

Hon. Judi Moylan
Chair
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