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Dear Mr Catchpole

Submission - Proposed Multi-Role Helicopter Facilities at Enoggera, Brisbane

Thank you for your letter of 26 March 2008 regarding the proposed redevelopment of new helicopter facilities at the Gallipoli Barracks at Enoggera, Brisbane and your invitation to make a submission about the proposal.

My greatest concern is the impact of the helicopters using this facility. Helicopters are extremely noisy and with such a big investment in the facility, I expect that the volume of flights will increase substantially over existing volumes. The site is located adjacent to developed residential areas. Noise mitigation and defined flight paths that respect the adjoining residential areas should be high priority design criteria.

Council supports the extensive habitat restoration works proposed, particularly the improved habitat conditions for frog populations. However, the area proposed for development is currently well vegetated in native bushland. This area has been mapped as Regional Ecosystem 12.11.14 Eucalyptus creba, E. Tereticornis woodland on metamorphics +/- interbedded volcanics. This community has been identified as Of Concern on Council's regional ecosystem mapping.

The area is also identified as Core Habitat Area on Council's Core Biodiversity Network mapping. This network identifies the most ecologically significant areas in Brisbane. It represents an amalgamation of various ecological values including vegetation communities, habitat values and corridor function.

A detailed survey of the area should be undertaken and the facility redesigned to minimise vegetation loss. To ensure no net loss of ecological values, suitable areas could be targeted on-site for rehabilitation and enhancement of such values.

Thank you once again for giving me the opportunity to comment on this project.

Yours sincerely

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