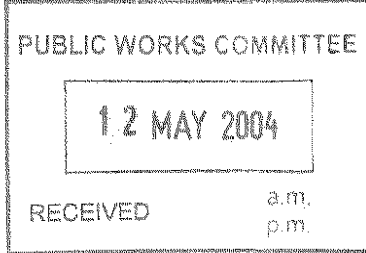


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Ms Margaret Swieringa
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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
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Dear Ms Swieringa

**PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR HEADQUARTERS
JOINT OPERATIONS COMMAND – NSW**

Thank you for your letter of 20 April 2004 advising of the forthcoming public hearing into this project.

The Department of State and Regional Development (DSRD) does not have any statutory requirements regarding the proposed construction of the Headquarters Joint Operations Command. This project has been classified as a State Significant Development by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources (DIPNR) and I understand direct communication is taking place between the Department of Defence and DIPNR on development issues.

DSRD is keen to see every opportunity is afforded to local business and industry to participate in the construction and ongoing support services for the new headquarters. I understand the Industry Capability Network has started working with the Department of Defence in pursuance of this.

I do not foresee a need to appear before the standing Committee's hearing, however it would be appreciated if maximising opportunities for local business and industry participation could be brought to the Committee's attention.

Yours faithfully

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11 May 2004

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