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Committee Secretary
Parliamentary Standing Committee on
Public Works
PO Box 6021
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

**Subject: Submission to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Proposed Redevelopment of RAAF Base East Sale**

Pilatus Aircraft Limited of Switzerland, welcomes the opportunity of writing to express our support for the Redevelopment of RAAF Base East Sale.

Pilatus is the original designer and manufacturer of the PC-9/A aircraft used by the RAAF to train its Pilots and Instructors at the RAAF Bases at East Sale and Pearce. As such we have a close liaison with many of the elements at RAAF Base East Sale on a daily basis and also interact closely with the Sale community.

We have chosen to locate our office in Sale and also utilise local engineering resources, via our subcontractor Aquila engineering Pty Ltd, because we believe Sale is an ideal location for Military Flying Training. We also benefit from the positive experience where the Sale Community is extremely supportive of the Defence presence and all associated businesses. The economic situation is conducive to good recruiting prospects and high retention of staff, plus the social, education, commercial and recreational environments make for a highly enjoyable posting cycle and hence a productive, motivated and, most importantly, stable defence and civilian workforce.

Speaking personally, as a long serving senior RAAF Officer at East Sale and then as a long serving contractor supporting the RAAF and DMO at Sale (total of 15 years continuously), I believe, the redevelopment of the RAAF Base to support the improvement of working conditions, safety and the utilities that are required for the efficient operation of the RAAF Base and the wellbeing of their Staff is essential. Most elements of the infrastructure on the base have languished for too long and as such the redevelopment is now overdue.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,
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