

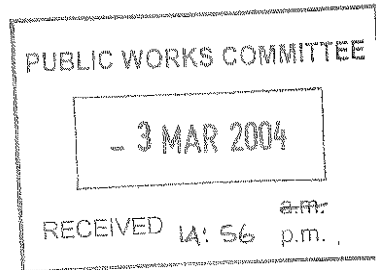


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Attention: Ms Margaret Swieringa

**DEFENCE RESPONSE TO PWC SUBMISSION NUMBER 28 (SUPPLEMENTARY)  
FROM MR LEX DAVIDSON**

1. Thank you for referring a copy of the letter dated 26 February 2004 from Mr Lex Davidson concerning the Randwick Disposal and Rationalisation Project, Interim Works.
2. Mr Davidson's submission raises several issues that Defence has previously addressed in response to earlier written submissions concerning the project our position on these issues remain as previously advised. Mr Davidson has however raised the additional issue of stockpiled material on the site having blown over residential properties in the surrounding area.
3. It is noted that a severe windstorm was experienced in Sydney on Sunday 24 August 2003. Although dust control measures are an important feature of the sites environmental management plan, it is recognised that these measures were insufficient to prevent dust nuisance during the extreme weather event which occurred on that date. To minimise any future nuisance from dust, a dust sealant has been applied to all exposed surfaces on the site, a 2.3 metre high dust screen has been erected along the southern boundary fence and all exposed soil stockpiles have either been revegetated and or had dust sealant applied.

  
**P. J. HUTCHINSON**  
Brigadier

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2004