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The Secretary
Public Works Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Secretary,

I understand the Defence Department plans to build for \$11.16 million an urban zone within the training area to practice urban warfare. As son of one honored for his military service in World War 1 "to end wars" I express my anger at the emphasis on spending public money to increase war rather than prevent it. The world needs to put translations in local languages of key scriptures of main religions and key articles by non-religious pacifists in civic and school libraries. We need public discussion of war causes at least as widely promoted as government advertising in mass media. At Shoalwater Bay and Rockhampton major training emphasis should be on peace-building and peace-keeping. urban and non-urban, not warfare.

-- Doug Everingham
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