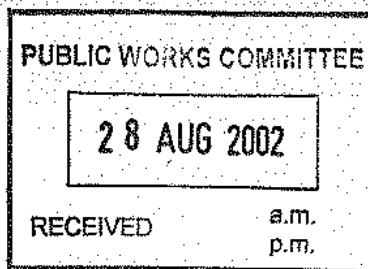




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Attention: Ms Margaret Swieringa

RESPONSE TO PWC FROM OBORN PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING GROUP

1. Thank you for referring a copy of the letter dated 26 August 2002 from the Oborn Professional Consulting Group concerning the RAAF Base Williamtown Redevelopment Stage 1 and Airborne Early Warning and Control Aircraft Facilities project.
2. Defence notes the comments raised by Mr Oborn concerning water and sewage services connecting with RAAF Base Williamtown area. Defence is consulting with the Hunter Water Corporation and the Port Stephens Council regarding Defence capacity requirements in the proposed sewage main. Defence is not planning the removal of its sewage plant in the short term, its requirement being highly dependant on the replacement arrangements.
3. Matters relevant to sewage and water design will be advised to Defence by the Hunter Water Corporation. Similarly, residents with questions or concerns associated with the design proposal would need to consult with the Corporation.

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28 August 2002