
The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia

Proposed Development of Off-base Housing for Defence at Adamstown, Newcastle, NSW

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

May 2003
Canberra

© Commonwealth of Australia 2003

ISBN [Click **here** and type ISBN Number]



Contents

Membership of the Committee.....	v
Extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives	vi
List of Recommendations	vii

REPORT

1 Introduction	1
Referral of Work.....	1
Background	2
The Defence Housing Authority	2
The Site	2
Inquiry Process.....	3
Inspections and Public Hearing	3
2 The Proposed Works.....	5
Need.....	5
Scope.....	6
Purpose and Suitability	6
Cost.....	7
Present and Prospective Public Value	7

3	Issues and Conclusions	9
	Traffic Impacts	9
	Retention of Mature Trees.....	10
	Soil Contamination Testing.....	11
	Community Consultation.....	12
	Proposed Open Space	13
	Recreational Space	14
	Protection from Mis-hit Golf Balls.....	15
	Project Timing and Contingency Planning.....	16
	Project Costs and Feasibility.....	17

APPENDICES

Appendix A – List of Submissions and Exhibits	19
Submissions.....	19
Exhibits	20
Appendix B – List of Witnesses	21
Appendix C – Submission No. 1 from the Defence Housing Authority	23
Appendix D – Official Transcript of Evidence	163



Membership of the Committee

Chair Hon Judi Moylan MP

Deputy Chair Mr Brendan O'Connor MP

Members Mr Harry Jenkins MP

Senator Richard Colbeck

Mr Peter Lindsay MP

Senator Alan Ferguson

Mr Jim Lloyd MP

Senator Michael Forshaw

Mr Bernie Ripoll MP

Committee Secretariat

Secretary Mrs Margaret Swieringa

Inquiry Secretary Ms Vivienne Courto

Administrative Officer Mrs Tiana Di Iulio



Extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives

No. 68 dated Wednesday, 11 December 2002

24 PUBLIC WORKS-PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE-
REFERENCE OF WORK-DEVELOPMENT OF OFF-BASE HOUSING FOR
DEFENCE AT ADAMSTOWN, NEWCASTLE

Mr Slipper (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration), pursuant to notice, moved-That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Development of off-base housing for Defence at Adamstown, Newcastle.

Question - put and passed.



List of Recommendations

3 Issues and Conclusions

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Defence Housing Authority in future ensure that there is adequate direct community consultation.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Defence Housing Authority continue to work closely with the Merewether Golf Club and the Newcastle City Council to ensure appropriate measures are taken to guarantee public safety.

Recommendation 3

The Committee was concerned that the Defence Housing Authority had not provided a comprehensive feasibility study. The Committee requests that in future it be provided in advance of the hearing with a full feasibility and contingency study including contingency provisions for time and cost delays.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the proposed development of off-base housing for Defence at Adamstown, NSW, proceed at the estimated cost of \$21.6 million.

