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Dear Mr Butler,

**DEFENCE RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION ON COMPLIANCE WITH
VARIOUS PLUMBING REGULATIONS**

Reference:

- A. Submission Number 5 from the Riverina Water County Council of 15
December 2008

I am writing to respond to the email Submission (Reference A) from Mr Jason Ip, Operations Engineer in the Riverina Water County Council (RWCC) on 15 December 2008 concerning the Enhanced Land Force (ELF) Stage 1 Facilities project primarily with respect to proposed hydraulics works at Blamey Barracks at Kapooka near Wagga Wagga in NSW.

Defence appreciates the positive comments provided in the Submission following extensive consultation with the RWCC to date. Defence will continue to consult with the RWCC and other water authorities as the project progresses and will comply with all relevant water quality regulations and requirements in completing the proposed hydraulics works at Kapooka under the ELF Stage 1 project.

Since 2007 the base population has increased by around 25% to support the growth of the Australian Army under the Government's ELF initiative. This has resulted in an initial increase in annual consumption of potable water from around 326 to 351 megalitres. Whilst the RWCC has the capacity to meet this requirement, water reuse and efficiency measures incorporated in the proposed works are planned to reduce the base's annual consumption of potable water to around 331 megalitres. This

represents an increase of around 1.6% above the pre-ELF consumption of potable water at Blamey Barracks once the proposed works are completed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for clarification on any aspects of this response.

Yours faithfully,



William Grice
Brigadier
Director General Infrastructure Asset Development

10 February 2009

Attachment:

1. Submission 5 (email) from the Riverina Water County Council of 15 December 2008