

## Submission No. 2

(Robertson Barracks)

SL 9/4

Siobhan Leyne

Inquiry Secretary

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works  
House of Representatives

Re: proposed Robertson Barracks Redevelopment

Dear Ms Leyne

I am writing to lodge an objection to the proposed development of Robertson Barracks.

My main objection to this proposed development is the traffic impact that the increased numbers of Personnel at the base will have on the rural area of Knuckey Lagoon. The local residents of Knuckey Lagoon have been campaigning for several years for a scheme to tackle the traffic issue in the area. With a huge number of army personnel using Farrar and Brandt road to gain access to the barracks the rural life of the residents is being eroded. There are several issues concerning the increased traffic that need to be addressed when considering the redevelopment of the barracks.

1. The issue of increased traffic. We already have heavy traffic first thing in the morning (7am) and in the afternoon (4pm) when shifts at the Barracks start and finish. As a local resident I have great difficulty crossing the road for my morning walk in the scrubland across from my house as there is a steady stream of traffic making crossing dangerous and difficult. The local area sees a high level of walkers, joggers, cyclists and horse riders who all have trouble with the amount of traffic using these two roads.
2. The issue of speed. A high proportion of the army personnel who use the roads in this area have no respect for speed limits, often reaching 100km along what should be a quiet rural road. There have been numerous serious accidents as traffic approaches the corner at the end of Brandt /Stevens/Campbell roads. With a high proportion of children who cycle to school, ride horses and walk dogs in the area this is of major concern.
3. The increased traffic will increase the hazardousness of pulling out into Macmillans Road. At 4.15pm there is always a long queue of traffic waiting at the end of Farrar Road waiting to pull

I moved to Knuckey Lagoon in search of the rural life. My family all ride but I no longer feel it is safe for my children to ride along the roads. It is particularly dangerous for my daughter as all the young army men always seem to toot their horns and shout out of their car windows at the sight of a teenage girl riding, which frightens the horse – it is an accident waiting to happen. I have had to forgo my traditional walk as it is just too dangerous to attempt to cross the road during the morning due to such heavy traffic.

I am objecting to this proposed development on two points – increased traffic and environmental impact.

I am hoping to attend the hearing on the 16<sup>th</sup> but it will depend on whether I can find alternative transport home for my children from school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K J Palmer

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