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MOOREBANK UNITS RELOCATION

HOLSWORTHY, NEW SOUTH WALES

Supplementary Submission

Amendment Number 1

Statement of Evidence

to the

Parliamentary Standing Committee

on Public Works

17 July 2012

Background

1. The Moorebank Units Relocation (MUR) project was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on 20 June 2012. Subsequent to the referral three key decisions have been taken that have a material impact on the Statement of Evidence originally provided by the Department of Defence to the Committee. Those decisions are:
 - a. On 18 June 2012, the Department of Defence requested that the Committee approve the commencement of certain preliminary and temporary works to enable the MUR project construction program to vacate Commonwealth owned and Defence occupied land at Moorebank, NSW for development as a future Moorebank Intermodal Terminal (MIMT) by the end of 2014. The Committee advised that in consideration of section 18(5) of the *Public Works Act 1969* (Cth) it was unable to approve the request.
 - b. Subsequently the MIMT inter-Departmental Steering Committee met on 6 July 2012 to consider the consequence of the preliminary temporary works not being approved. Their direction to the MUR project team was that it achieve vacation of the MIMT site by 30 June 2015 in support of the MIMT program that envisages an operational facility being achieved by 2017.
 - c. On 12 July 2012, the Department of Defence referred the MUR project to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities for consideration under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999* (Cth).

Amendments to the Statement of Evidence

2. Based on the decisions outlined above, the following amendments to the MUR Statement of Evidence are required:

page 2, paragraph 2

delete “end of 2014.”

insert “end of June 2015.”

page 2, paragraph 5

delete “end of 2014.”

insert “end of June 2015.”

page 3, paragraph 8

delete complete paragraph

replace with

“8. On 23 April 2012 in announcing progression of the Moorebank IMT, the Government announced that the Moorebank Units Relocation project would relocate all Defence assets currently on the Moorebank IMT site to Holsworthy Barracks by December 2014. This timeframe for relocation was subsequently amended on 6 June 2012 by the Moorebank IMT inter-Departmental Steering Committee with consideration of the construction program, to the end of June 2015.”

page 3, paragraph 9

delete complete paragraph

replace with

“9. In relocating units from the Moorebank site to Holsworthy Barracks, Defence is taking the opportunity to provide a contemporary facilities solution to replace the existing old and obsolescent buildings that are only marginally capable of supporting current training and operational outcomes. This project proposes to consolidate and rationalise multiple existing facilities from the current 198 hectare Moorebank site, to a deliberately planned, precinct based site of approximately 50 hectares at Holsworthy Barracks for the SME facilities and a total of 110 hectares for the full scope of works that includes units in addition to those located at Moorebank.”

page 3, paragraph 11

delete “end of 2014.”

insert “end of June 2015.”

page 7, paragraph 28, sub-paragraph a

delete complete sub-paragraph

replace with

“a. A section of Old Illawarra Rd is located in the vicinity of the works. The old sandstone kerbing is visible and considered to have heritage value. To the greatest extent practicable, convict era materials affected by works involving Old Illawarra Rd will be retained and preserved for use in restoring sections of the original road alignment; and”

page 8, paragraph 30

delete complete paragraph

replace with

“30. Whilst the reports have identified that minimal impacts are likely to result from the proposed works, a referral under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999* (Cth) has been submitted in recognition of the potential impact on Commonwealth Heritage Values and the clearance of the Castlereagh Scribbly Gum woodland, a recently listed species under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* (NSW). The EPBC Act referral outlines specified measures that Defence has committed to undertake to avoid or reduce impacts as a result of the proposed works. The outcome of the EPBC Act referral has not yet been determined by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities; however, any delay or an outcome that involves a Controlled Action under the EPBC Act will have significant program implications to the proposed works.”

page 22, paragraph 62, sub-paragraphs b and c

delete “10th Field Battery”

insert “11th Field Battery”

page 27, paragraph 75

delete “to mid 2015.”

insert “to late 2015.”

page 29, paragraph 87

delete “end of 2014.”

insert “end of June 2015.”

page 30, paragraph 91

delete “LMA High Voltage Upgrade project”

insert “LMA High Voltage Electrical Distribution Upgrade project”

page 32, paragraph 98

delete complete paragraph

replace with

“98. A detailed noise impact assessment of the proposed new Heathcote Road intersection as part of revised Holsworthy Barracks access arrangements has been completed. The analysis indicates that the combined effects of traffic volumes, distance and topography between the road and residential receivers will not require the installation of any control measures such as noise barriers.”

page 36, paragraph 111, sub-paragraph b

delete “ADCO”

insert “ADCU”

page 39, paragraph 128

delete

“January 2013” and “end of 2014.”

Insert

“October 2012” and “end of June 2015.”