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**The Hon Judi Moylan MP**  
Chair  
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Moylan,

**HARDENED AND NETWORKED ARMY (HNA) FACILITIES AT EDINBURGH  
DEFENCE PRECINCT, SA**

I would like to take the opportunity to provide a supplementary submission in response to Mr Michael Pickering's submission of 20 August 2007.

In his submission to the Public Works Committee on the matter of the Hardened and Networked Army (HNA) facilities proposed for Edinburgh Defence Precinct (EDP), Mr Pickering indicates his support for the project and asks what consideration has been given to Defence traffic, particularly heavy vehicles, and their affect on the local road system. He promotes a possible rail solution with a spur line directly to the base.

Defence thanks Mr Pickering for his support of the project, and his comments with regard to transport utility and safety.

Defence has considered in detail the strategic and regional logistic impacts of this project. It has been concluded that there is no operational imperative for construction of a rail spur at EDP, and that there were heavy vehicle access roads in place for movement of Defence freight to existing inter-modal facilities and the Port of Adelaide.

I trust that this additional information satisfies the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

**William Grice**  
Brigadier  
Director General Infrastructure Asset Development

5 September 2007