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Dear Ms Moylan

HMAS CAIRNS REDEVELOPMENT – SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION

I am writing in response to Submission No. 5 from the Navy League of Australia, Queensland Division, Cairns Branch (Cairns Navy League) in relation to the HMAS CAIRNS Redevelopment.

Background

The Committee's Inquiry Secretary forwarded to us a copy of Submission No. 5 by facsimile on 24 April 2006. In their submission, the Cairns Navy League advises that preliminary negotiations about the options for acquisition of the Training Ship Endeavour facilities are still being considered.

Supplementary Submission

Defence will continue to negotiate in confidence and in good faith with the Cairns Navy League to reach an in-principle agreement before the public hearing on 15 May 2006. We have allocations in our project budget for acquisition of the Training Ship Endeavour facilities through a normal commercial transaction and a modest upgrade to the cadet facilities, which we will disclose in the confidential briefing to the Parliamentary Committee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Alan McGrath on 02 6266 8546 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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