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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to make a submission to the PWC re The Land 17 Phase 1A Infrastructure Project that, prior to approval of said project current unsafe practices and traffic concerns involving employees of Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera (Defence Personnel, Construction Workers and Civilians working on base) be addressed and resolved. I appreciate the closing date for submissions was 25/11/11 but have been informed by Mr Anthony Overs a late submission by close of business 01/12/11 would be considered.

This submission will include:

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Brief History
- 3 Current Issues (Supported by photography)
- 4 Project Concerns

1. My name is Mary Harbeck and I live in close proximity to Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera

2. Prior to P.W.C approval for the ELF2 Project (Gallipoli Barracks) the local and broader community voiced their concern regarding the increase of traffic in and around the area, this additional traffic would come from an already enlarged Defence Personnel , civilians on base and John Holland Construction. Defences Statement of Evidence to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (November 2009) re traffic issues was as follows:

Page 41 Paragraph 119

119. Construction traffic routes will be managed to minimise any disruption to the local communities during the construction period. Each of the sites is located within the base boundaries and construction activities will be managed to not cause any disruption to residents adjacent to the bases.

A meeting held in October 2009 at the Gaythorne Bowls Club was well supported by locals and assurance was given by Defence that Army Personnel and construction workers would NOT be utilising the suburban streets but were required to use MAIN ROADS ONLY when accessing Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera.

The PWC hearing a short time later was also supported by local residents and it was acknowledged by many of the public who spoke, local members of parliament, representatives of transport and main roads and ultimately the members of the PWC that traffic was a major consideration, it was for that reason that the PWC stated the following:
Excerpt from Report

Project issues

Traffic concerns

5.17 The most significant concern that has been raised with the Committee relates to traffic congestion around a number of the bases where ELF 2 works will occur. A number of submissions to the inquiry as well as participants at the public hearing raised concerns about the severity of traffic congestion around the various bases in Queensland. 4

5.18 Specific traffic problems are detailed below.

Gallipoli Barracks

5.19 Local residents expressed dissatisfaction with the current levels of traffic on roads surrounding the base, in particular Samford Road. Residents stated that traffic congestion could be eased by building a new entrance to the Barracks off Samford Road.⁵ They assess that this entrance would ease congestion on other local roads by drawing traffic away from those areas.

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5.20 Defence responded that there is land reserved for an entry on to Samford Road and that consultation with state and local government is ongoing. Defence added that it hoped to resolve this issue in the next six to 12 months.⁶

Recommendation 7

The Committee recommends that the Department of Defence consult with state and local governments in order to finalise plans for an entrance off Samford Road, Enoggera with Defence funding a fair and reasonable portion of the cost of the road works, in order to ease traffic congestion in the vicinity of Gallipoli Barracks.

4 See for example: Submission 2; Submission 5; Submission 6; Submission 7, Submission 9, Submission 10 and Submission 11 as well as Community Statements from Mr N. Dance, Private Capacity, Mr I. Ferrier, Ferry Grove Neighbourhood Watch; Mr D. Selth, Department of Transport and Main Roads; Mr M. Watt, State Member for Everton; Mr T. Fensom, Brisbane Region Environment Council; Mr H. Gibson, Private Capacity and Mr C. Harbeck, Private Capacity, *Proof Transcript of Evidence*, 4 November 2009, pp 14 - 20.

5 Mr H. Gibson, Private Capacity, *Proof Transcript of Evidence*, 4 November 2009, p 19, Mr I. Ferrier, Submission No. 5, p 4.

Two years later and the local community are yet to see evidence of Defences compliance to Recommendation 7 or traffic management in any form that as stated by Defence would “minimise any disruption to the local communities during the construction period and to manage construction activities to not cause any disruption to residents adjacent to the base”

3. Since the commencement of ELF2 I and my neighbours witness on a daily basis, Gridlock on our local streets by vehicles trying to gain access to Gallipoli Barracks. Traffic gridlock caused by those associated with the base also prevents local residents accessing their own homes and exiting the area without incident. The safety of local residents is also severely compromised due to non compliance of traffic signage by a significant number of ones connected to Gallipoli Barracks. Illegal left hand turns from the main access road into suburban side streets is commonplace. Dangerous U turns on the main access road (Lloyd St) occur routinely in order to rat run and avoid traffic congestion. Traffic issues are such a cause for concern that Police presence is routine and the local residents recently submitted a petition via Kate Jones State MP Ashgrove to the Minister for Main Roads to investigate the closure of our street.

Response from Defence has been varied but I will address only one. (note attachments)

1. An article from our local paper The North West News stating “ Gridlock eased at barracks” page 3, 02/03/2011
2. Pictures (x3) taken one month after newspaper article showing access road and side street. Clearly Congested, Lloyd St & Ardentallen Rd
3. Pictures of my street taken approx 2 months after newspaper article (2 in same attachment) showing the entire street blocked. This street is signed local traffic only.
4. Pictures taken (6 in same attachment) of construction vehicles using and parking on our suburban street prior to gaining access to Gallipoli Barracks.
5. Pictures taken of access road to barracks yesterday 29/11/11 as construction is winding down for the year and after the deployment of some 800 Defence Personnel. Still congested.

4. It is with this in mind that I wish to address traffic issues re the proposed LAND 17 Phase 1A Infrastructure Project.

Page 19 of Defences Submission re LAND 17 Phase 1A Infrastructure Project deals with “Local Roads and Traffic Concerns” Paragraph 97 outlines the position of Gallipoli Barracks, identifies three main entry routes, alludes to an existing convoy gate for use at specified times and makes the statement that “Defence is currently planning a new entry into the Barracks from Samford Road in conjunction with the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads”. Interestingly there is no mention of traffic concerns.

A flyer was received a couple of weeks ago re the Land 17 Phase 1A Project and a contact person named for the provision of further information. I accessed this contact person requesting information re traffic management since this area is already negatively impacted by the ELF2 Project and received the following response some 17 days later.

Email reads in part as follows:

“Construction traffic will enter and exit the Base using Lloyd Street as the main access to Gallipoli Barracks. Construction personnel accessing the Base are informed of the concerns of local residents regarding traffic using residential streets. Construction traffic should use Lloyd Street to Wardell Road to access Samford Road”

Clearly this does not explain or address traffic management for this additional project planned for Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera.

Since Construction Workers Defence Personnel and others associated with Gallipoli Barracks especially those connected to the current ELF2 Project routinely IGNORE the recommendation to use main roads to enter and exit the Barracks and there is already non compliance to street signage of Local Traffic Only and No Left turn into the 3 side streets that run off Lloyd Street (the main access road to Gallipoli Barracks) any further projects that do not address this already serious issue would impact further on the safety and well being of local residents. Therefore it would be in Defences interest to pursue other options even of a temporary nature to ensure safe access to the base. Compliance to recommendation 7 as per PWC report re ELF2 Project would be a start. In the interim using the existing entrance on Samford Rd having personnel entering Left from Samford Rd and exiting left onto Samford Rd would ease congestion by providing an additional entry/exit point. This would be a safe option as vehicles would not be crossing in front of oncoming traffic. The opening of other exits for longer periods would also help at least until the new Samford Rd entry is implemented. Whatever the project the number one concern should be safety. I look forward to attending the Public Hearing on 07/12/11 and can submit hardcopies of information gathered if required.

Regards Mary Harbeck.

Gridlock eased at barracks

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TRIALLED traffic control measures at Gallipoli Barracks entry points have made "a huge difference" to easing congestion, according to a Department of Defence spokesperson.

For the past month, Defence has been trialling a plan to alleviate gridlock traffic in and around the Enoggera Barracks after numerous complaints were made by residents and defence personnel trying to get to work on time.

"Current measures will remain in place for as long as necessary," the spokesperson said.

"Defence is engaging with the Department of Transport and Main Roads regarding a consolidated plan for an upgrade of the Samford Rd corridor which is considered to be at capacity."

Trialled changes included restricting heavy vehicle access, traffic controllers directing traffic at the Lloyd and Wanimo St entrances and staggering the starting and finishing times for personnel.

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