



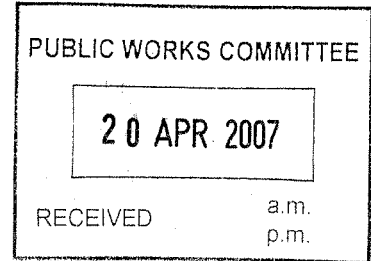
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The Hon Judi Moylan, MP
Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
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Dear Ms Moylan,

LAVARACK BARRACKS REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 4, TOWNSVILLE
SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION

I am writing in response to Submission No. 5 from the Queensland Department of Main Roads (QDMR) in relation to the proposed Lavarack Barracks Redevelopment Stage 4, Townsville.

Background

The Committee's Research Officer forwarded to us a copy of Submission No. 5 by facsimile on 12 April 2007. In Submission No. 5, the QDMR requests that the existing and any proposed location of access for tracked vehicles and vehicles carrying heavy equipment are identified and an indication supplied by Defence to the QDMR in respect of the proposed intensity of use.

Supplementary Submission

The main entry at Melton Black Drive will remain as the single point of access to the base when Lavarack Barracks Redevelopment Stage 4 is complete. Unrelated to the proposed project, the number of tracked vehicles using the access point onto the state-controlled road network has already reduced to zero with the replacement of armoured personnel carriers with Bushmaster infantry mobility vehicles during 2006-07.

Defence is already aware of the QDMR intention to plan a second major entry point onto Lavarack Barracks when University Road is upgraded to freeway standard as part of the Bruce Highway. A Zone and Precinct Plan and accompanying study is being prepared by Defence for Lavarack Barracks to evaluate proposed land uses and provide Defence with a strategic blueprint for development on Lavarack Barracks over the next 30 years. Defence will consult with the QMDR regarding development of options for a second major entry point into Lavarack Barracks when our Zone and Precinct Plan is completed at the end of 2007.

Yours sincerely,

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Director General Infrastructure Asset Development

18 April 2007