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List of acronyms

ADF	Australian Defence Force
ADFA	Australian Defence Force Academy
FDR	Force Disposition Review
HNA	Hardened and Networked Army
KMA	Kapooka Military Area
LEAP Phase 2	Living Environment and Accommodation Precinct Phase 2
LIA	Living in Accommodation
PMA	Puckapunyal Military Area
PPP	Private Public Partnerships
PSC	Public Sector Comparator



Extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives

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REFERENCE OF WORK – PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PROJECT SINGLE
LEAP – PHASE 2.

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Provision of facilities for Project Single LEAP—Phase 2.

Question—put and passed.



List of recommendations

3 Issues and Conclusions

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that in the interests of transparency and objectivity Defence consider engaging external building surveyors in any future reviews that need to be undertaken of the Defence estate.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that Defence consider initiating a plan for monitoring maintenance works on a whole-of-life basis for Project Single LEAP Phase 2.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that Defence place a dollar value on the liability to the Commonwealth of vacant accommodation, other than those rooms declared surplus, and that it undertake a review of projected accommodation requirements and provide these details to the Committee.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that Defence consider undertaking similar studies to that undertaken at Robertson Barracks for all other sites.

Recommendation 5

As the decision relating to the refurbishment or demolition of buildings will reside with the successful tenderer, the Committee recommends that in due course Defence provide details of the number of buildings to be refurbished and the number to be demolished at all sites.

Recommendation 6

The Committee recommends that Defence continue its dialogue with Randwick City Council to resolve outstanding issues, including Council concern over the population density following occupancy of the site by ADF members; the removal of soil contamination; drainage issues, and the impact of the development on traffic.

Recommendation 7

The Committee recommends that Defence initiate consultations with local government agencies as soon as practicable to resolve any outstanding issues that may effect the viability of Project Single LEAP Phase 2 and inform the Committee of the outcome of those consultations.

Recommendation 8

Against a background of nation-wide concern in relation to water conservation, the Committee recommends that Defence consult with appropriate Federal and State Government water authorities to obtain guidance as to the best means of providing sustainable water supplies at bases located in rural and regional Australia to take into account State and Federal water policies.

Recommendation 9

The Committee recommends that Defence review the proposed works at Randwick Barracks to achieve greater value for money through more efficient use of existing buildings over demolition, and consider withdrawing land from possible sale, and that the Committee be informed of the outcome of this review.

Recommendation 10

With respect to heritage preservation assessments undertaken by Defence, the Committee recommends that these be verified by the Department of Environment and Water Resources.

Recommendation 11

The Committee recommends it be informed when the preferred funding method for the delivery of this project has been finalised.

Recommendation 12

The Committee recommends that Defence provide a briefing to the Committee on the final costs of this project, including the risk adjusted PSC as soon as practicable.

Recommendation 13

The Committee recommends that subject to the relevant Minister being satisfied as to the overall cost of the project, and that the project represents value for money, the works proceed.