

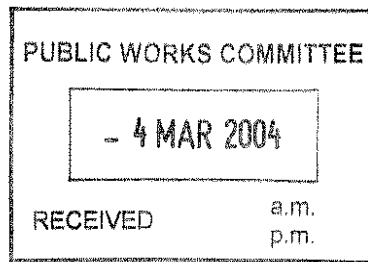


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Attention: Ms Margaret Swieringa

**DEFENCE RESPONSE TO PWC SUBMISSION NUMBER 30 (SUPPLEMENTARY)
 FROM THE RANDWICK CITY COUNCIL**

1. Thank you for referring a copy of the letter dated 27 February 2004 from the Randwick City Council concerning the Randwick Disposal and Rationalisation Project, Interim Works.
2. As the consent authority and in its role of representing community interests, the Randwick City Council has worked closely with Defence on this project. While time delays have occurred, Defence will otherwise meet all of the commitments provided to the Council.
3. The Council's submission raises two issues relating to increasing the scope and consequential out turn costs of the Community Facility and the Randwick Environmental Park. Defence has allowed for design and construct contingency for the Community Facility and is managing this contingency closely. The contingency allowance for the Community Facility is expected to be adequate to accommodate the additional scope requirement identified by Council, subject to this allowance not being fully utilised for currently unforeseen construction contingency requirements.
4. Regarding the Randwick Environmental Park, Defence intends to work with the Council through a value management process to deliver as much of the scope as is possible, based on Council's prioritisation of the works, within the available and agreed budget of \$1.0m.

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