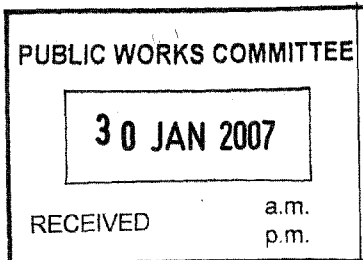


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The Hon Judi Moylan MP
 Chair
 Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
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Dear Ms Moylan,

DEFENCE FORCE SCHOOL OF SIGNALS REDEVELOPMENT, SIMPSON BARRACKS, WATSONIA – SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION

I would like to take the opportunity to provide a supplementary submission in response to a letter from the Hon Greg Hunt MP of 29 January 2007 regarding redevelopment of the Defence Force School of Signals (DFSS), Simpson Barracks, Watsonia, Victoria (Enclosure 1 refers).

The DFSS is the principal Defence training establishment for Communications and Information Systems (CIS). This capability underpins all other capabilities that Defence delivers to Government. The rationalisation of training at a single campus aims to improve the ability of Defence and each service to efficiently and effectively deliver joint and networked outcomes.

The relocation of Maritime CIS Wing from HMAS CERBERUS to Simpson Barracks will not substantially impact on HMAS CERBERUS as an important training base for Defence. There are currently in the order of 860 permanent staff and around 1000 to 1500 students at HMAS CERBERUS, of which only 49 staff and 200 to 250 students will relocate to Watsonia. The relocation is expected to have minimal impact on the local community of Hastings.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

William Grice
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 Director General Infrastructure Asset Development
 30 Jan 2007

Enclosure:

1. Submission from the Hon Greg Hunt MP