



Australian Government

Department of Transport and Regional Services

Mr John Fuhrman
Inquiry Secretary
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Fuhrman

HMAS CRESWELL REDEVELOPMENT, JERVIS BAY TERRITORY

In your letter dated 14 June 2007, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works called for submissions from state and territory government bodies, local authorities, private organisations and individuals who may be materially affected or have an interest in the proposed work.

The Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) is pleased to submit comment of an element of the proposed redevelopment of HMAS Creswell in the Jervis Bay Territory. The Department seeks the committee's review of Project Element 5 – Physical Fitness Centre detailed in the submission from the Department of Defence.

As part of the redevelopment, the proposed construction of an integrated physical fitness centre will include a 25 metre indoor swimming pool. Whilst the Department of Defence has stated that efficient water use is a key aspect of the proposed works, DOTARS seeks clarification about where water will be sourced from to supply the pool. Jervis Bay Territory is currently on water restrictions and the Department is concerned about the strain it may put on existing water resources in the Territory.

DOTARS requests that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works seek clarification in regards to the water supply for the proposed 25 metre indoor swimming pool with a view of saltwater supply being the preferred option.

Yours sincerely

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