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Dear Ms Saffin

UPDATE ON SIMPSON BARRACKS PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS – SUBMISSION BY MR PYROS

I am writing to you to provide an update on public consultations that the Department of Defence has undergone in regards to the proposed works at Simpson Barracks under the Department's Base Infrastructure Works (BIW) Project.

After the Project's Public Hearing in Sydney on 10 August 2012, I contacted Mr Pyros during the week beginning 20 August 2012 to arrange a further opportunity to discuss with him the proposed works, as well as to better understand his concerns as outlined in his Submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (the PWC). As a result of these discussions, the Project held a briefing for Mr Pyros and five other residents at Simpson Barracks on Wednesday 29 August 2012. Representatives of the Barracks, the Design Consultancy and the Defence Project Team assisted me in the conduct of this briefing.

I am pleased to be able to advise you that the briefing went well, with the majority of the residents appearing to be reassured that the proposed solution for the Barrack's main gate is the most appropriate and that Defence has selected the site after a robust and detailed assessment of all options.

However some concerns did remain regarding any increase to traffic flows on Yallambie Road, with specific focus on the impact of the proposed round-about at the intersection with Watson Street and the operation of the traffic lights at the intersection with Greensborough Highway. Defence proposed the following concessions:

1. The inclusion of additional signage on the east-bound lane of Yallambie Road between Greensborough Highway and Watson Street to alert drivers of the round-about and the new entrance to the Barracks.
2. That the Defence Project Team would approach Banyule City Council and VicRoads regarding the duration of the cycling of the traffic lights at the Greensborough Highway

intersection, with specific reference to the left turn and right turn arrows from Yallambie Road onto Greensborough Highway.

I hope that this briefing and the concessions offered assist the PWC in their consideration of the BIW Project.

Yours sincerely



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