

This is in response to the story in the North-West news about the upgrade of the Gallipoli Barracks.

I have one concern about the upgrade - how it relates to the amount of traffic on residential streets in the area, particularly Frasers Rd. Already there is an unacceptable level of traffic on Frasers Rd due to the Wanimo gate. This is a small residential street and every morning and afternoon it is clogged. People from all over the area use this road to jog, walk dogs and walk children to school. Due to the lack of footpaths you often see young mothers pushing prams on the road. This is a dangerous situation with the amount of traffic and the speed that it travels at. Ideally traffic should stick to the major arterial - Samford Road. There is a gate on Samford Road and it would be preferable if the army used this gate instead. I'm unsure of the reason it is not used, but if the choice is getting through some red tape or putting my child at risk by increased traffic I would encourage you to look at the red tape. If you are going to increase the number of people accessing the base by 1600, then an alternate entrance is required. Putting an extra 400 cars (at a conservative guess) on Frasers Road would be catastrophic.

I fully support the extension of the base. Mitchelton is a fabulous area to raise children and we are happy to welcome an additional 1600 residents. The base is an asset to the area and we would encourage the additional residents to participate in the community. They will find us friendly and caring.

I hope you seriously look at the current problematic traffic issues and consider the impact on the community of making these worse. Other than the traffic issue, the base has always been a good neighbour.

Kind regards
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