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Ms Kirsten Livermore MP
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Submission No. 01.2

(DSTO Fishermans Bend)

Date: 19/04/13

Dear Ms Livermore

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT FOR DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION (DSTO) HUMAN PROTECTION AND PERFORMANCE DIVISION (HPPD) SECURITY AND FACILITIES UPGRADE

This letter is to inform the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) about the nature and extent of community consultation undertaken as part of the DSTO HPPD Security and Facilities Upgrade.

In view of the location of the site, the largely internal nature of the works and the likely low level impact on local residents the focus of communication was conducted at the key stakeholder level, as identified in annex A. The closest zoning for potential future residential development is approximately 800m from the site on the far side of the Westgate freeway.

Broadly, the strategy for community consultation adopted by Defence was undertaken with the objectives of:

- ensuring that key stakeholders were informed about the project;
- providing an opportunity to discuss issues that directly affect them;
- ensuring an opportunity was provided to raise any concerns; and
- addressing these concerns as appropriate.

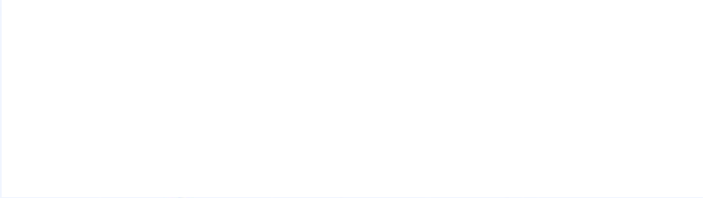
Four main activities were undertaken:

- contact was established with key stakeholders and an outline of the project was provided;
- more detailed briefing meetings with interested parties were arranged;
- detailed face to face briefings with interested stakeholders were conducted; and
- stakeholders were provided with the opportunity to respond and raise any comments or concerns.

Defence is satisfied that all reasonable steps to inform the community about the DSTO HPPD Security and Facilities Upgrade Project were taken. No significant issues were raised through Defence's community consultations and as a result no changes to the project were required.

A more detailed briefing on methodology, the DSTO HPPD Communications Strategy and outcomes can be provided to the Committee upon request.

Yours sincerely



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Annex:

A. List of Stakeholders Consulted

Attachment:

1. Summary of Issues Table

LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED

The following is a list of stakeholders consulted by the project team:

- Federal Member for Melbourne Ports, the Honourable Michael Danby MP: advised that a meeting was not required;
- Victorian Member for Albert Park, the Honourable Martin Foley: advised that a meeting was not required;
- Lord Mayor Robert Doyle: supportive but advised a meeting was not required;
- Places Victoria: briefed on Friday 05 April 2013; and
- General Motors Holden: briefed on 17 April 2013.

Attachment 1

SUMMARY OF ISSUES TABLE

| Question or specific issue raised: | Discussed with: | How each issue has been addressed: |
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| Will any trees be removed? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stakeholders | <p>A detailed Vegetation Management Plan has been prepared for the proposed works. This Plan has been drafted for Defence by professionals to address likely issues of concern for Defence and the community. The Assessment concluded that minimal environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed works. While some trees and shrubbery are required to be removed to accommodate the proposed site wide security upgrade, some additional trees will be planted on-site to compensate for vegetation removal.</p> <p>This was discussed at length with General Motors Holden (GMH) in particular. The DSTO representative also requested that trees on the GMH side of the perimeter fence were trimmed back.</p> |
| Will the proposed facility impact any heritage buildings? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stakeholders | <p>A detailed Conservation Management Plan was prepared for the site in March 2005. The Plan concluded that buildings affected by the works are of low historical significance.</p> |
| Will there be an increase in personnel on the Base? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stakeholders | <p>There will be no net increase of personnel as a result of the upgrade works.</p> |
| How many trucks will be generated during construction and what will the impact be? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Motors Holden • Key Stakeholders | <p>A detailed Traffic Management Plan has been prepared for the proposed works. Construction Management Plans will be prepared and implemented to alleviate the impact on the local road network.</p> <p>The contractor zone with new site access in the SW corner was explained, and that there would be no right turn from the Todd Rd northbound lane.</p> |
| Will there be car parking provided to ensure personnel vehicles don't spill outside the site? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Motors Holden | <p>A temporary car park will be constructed on DSTO Fishermans Bend to provide additional parking during construction.</p> |
| Will the proposed facility overshadow adjoining residences? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places Vic • General Motors Holden | <p>The only building taller than one storey proposed by the works is Building 94 Annex. This building is only one storey higher than the existing Building 94 and is set back 67 meters from the Western boundary and set within the much larger Building 94. The site is located within an industrial zone and there are no adjoining residences.</p> |
| What is the overall construction timeframe and when is construction permitted each day? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Motors Holden • Key Stakeholders | <p>Subject to parliamentary approval, construction is expected to commence mid-2013, with completion anticipated by early 2016. Construction is permitted according to construction industry standard times of 7:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday. Some Saturday construction activity may be required on an as-needs basis.</p> |
| High Voltage power to GMH that runs through DSTO works location | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Motors Holden | <p>4 x 11 kVA cables will run underneath the site of the Science & Technology Store. The Design Services Consultant has engaged the provider (Citipower) on this and the design and construction impacts. This feeds a GMH substation that supplies the GMH V6 engine plant. Plant operation times were discussed and the management of any cessation of supply to</p> |

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| | | enable works was planned. |
| What is the approvals process and have you consulted with the relevant Parliamentary representatives? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stakeholders | <p>Defence complies with the process outlined in the Public Works Act (Cwlth) as administered by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. Under this process, Defence is required to achieve both Government and Parliamentary approval prior to constructing the works.</p> <p>Defence is not required to seek approval from the Victorian Local or State Governments; however, representatives from the Melbourne City Council, Places Vic, and the Member for Albert Park have been consulted on the proposed works. Defence also contacted the Federal Member for Melbourne Ports, the Honourable Martin Foley.</p> |
| Are there buffer zones limiting development around the DSTO Fishermans Bend site? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places Vic | While there are, no buffer zones currently in place for the site, some of the operating facilities have been designed specifically for Industrial zoning particularly with regards to EPA noise standards. |