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The Hon Judi Moylan MP
Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Moylan

**HMAS CRESWELL REDEVELOPMENT, JERVIS BAY TERRITORY –
SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION**

On 20 August 2007, Mr Daniel Walters wrote to you on behalf of the ACT Department of Territory and Municipal Services regarding the HMAS Creswell Redevelopment project. I would like to take the opportunity to address the concerns of Department of Territory and Municipal Services regarding water quality and resources, hazardous materials and land development issues.

Reduction in demand on the potable water supply at Creswell is a major design imperative for the project. Accordingly the project scope includes improvements to the effluent re-use system which will significantly reduce the usage of potable water where only non-potable water is required. This system is expected to reduce the consumption of potable water by approximately 30% of current demand. Further, Defence notes the *ACT Water Sensitive Urban Design General Code, 2007* highlighted by the Department of Territory and Municipal Services submission and will apply the Code where appropriate during final design of the works.

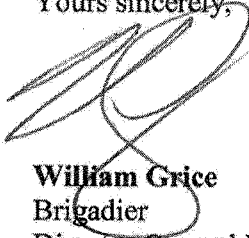
All sewerage from HMAS Creswell is treated at the existing Sewerage Treatment Plant which is operated and maintained by the Department of Transport and Regional Services. The treatment plant is presently operating at approximately 50% capacity and will have sufficient capacity to support the student population following the redevelopment.

An Initial Environmental Review and risk assessment has been conducted for the proposed project in relation to management of hazardous materials. Accordingly a Construction Environmental Management Plan will be prepared which will detail specific removal and remediation measures should hazardous material be encountered during construction. All redevelopment works will comply with the Construction Environmental Management Plan and the relevant legislation and guidelines including the *National Environment Protection Measures (Implementation) Act 1998*, the *Environment Protection Act 1997* and the *Defence Contamination Management Manual*.

Defence notes the guidelines on land disturbance and development provided in the ACT Environment Protection Authority's document *Erosion and Sediment Control during Land Development, 1998*. Defence will ensure the Construction Environmental Management Plan for the project details appropriate controls to be established and maintained during the project to prevent discharges into sensitive environments.

Defence will continue to liaise with the Department of Transport and Regional Services throughout the project to ensure issues raised in the ACT Government's submission are managed and resolved.

Yours sincerely,



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