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The Defence Housing Authority (DHA) has been cooperating closely with the consent authorities in Darwin and will continue to do so.

In particular, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) DHA completed with the Northern Territory Government (NTG) in December last year provides for the establishment of a Project Committee with equal DHA and NTG membership to “meet regularly as required to plan and develop the Project, including identifying and seeking input from third parties who may need to be involved in the Project, including but not limited to Darwin City Council”. The MOU also carries an undertaking that DHA will carry out at its own cost all necessary external linkages to, and internal distribution networks within, the Property for the provision of water supply, sewerage, power, stormwater drainage and roadworks.

The Project Committee has met four times in the past six months and will continue to be beneficially involved in progressing the project. As well, DHA’s urban planning consultants have been directly in touch with officers of the Darwin City Council and their reports have taken DCC interests and concerns fully into account.

Of course, there will be considerably more (and more intense) contact with DCC as the project planning and implementation proceeds.