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**The Secretary
Public Works Committee,
House of Representatives,
PO Box 6021 Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600**

Defence Housing Authority
AE2 Ermington

Dear Sir,

As the Chairman of the AE2 Commemorative Foundation, a not-for-profit, limited by guarantee company that operates a trust of the same name, I write to support the Defence Housing Authority nomination of the subject project to commemorate the heroic deeds of the crew of HMAS AE2.

Whilst the deeds of the Australian soldiers who forged the legend of ANZAC at Gallipoli, are embedded in the national consciousness, it is ironic that the heroism of the Australian sailors who also fought in the same campaign is largely unrecognised.

The nomination of AE2 to the DHA project at Ermington will help to redress this unfortunate situation.

AE2 is Australia's most significant intact maritime relic remaining from this campaign; the Foundation has a project underway to protect, preserve and to tell the story of HMAS AE2, the Australian submarine which distinguished itself by its gallant action in penetrating the Dardanelles straits as the ANZACs landed at Gallipoli.

The Foundation commends the project name and urges favourable consideration.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Briggs'.

P Briggs AO CSC
Rear Admiral RAN Rtd
Chairman AE2CF