

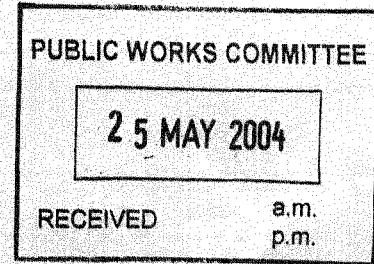
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PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR HEADQUARTERS JOINT OPERATIONS COMMAND (HCAST), NSW

Dear Madam

I refer to your letter dated 20 April 2004 regarding a submission from the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority on the effects of the relocation of Headquarters Joint Operations Command (HCAST) to a location between Queanbeyan and Bungendore, NSW.

The RTA was not invited to comment on the EIS since the development is located within the ACT. However there are implications for the road network that it is considered need to be addressed. The following comments are offered on the affect the development may on the arterial network for consideration:

1. The development could be expected to have significant impacts on MR51 Kings Highway. As a localised effect the estimated increase in traffic will lead to an increased need for maintenance of the pavement as well as consideration of the increased need for overtaking opportunities.
2. Consideration of impacts including heavy vehicle effects on the longer distance interregional trips to Canberra may result in the need to bring forward the development of the Queanbeyan Northern Ring Road. The estimated cost of construction of this route is \$100 million.
3. It is important that opportunities for increasing public transport effectiveness and attractiveness are identified and promoted in order to moderate traffic growth. This is particularly relevant to the subject land as it is some distance from the Queanbeyan and Canberra CBDs.

All of these issues should be addressed to ensure a safe and efficient route to and from the HCAST.

If you need any further comment, please contact me on 02-42212445.

Yours faithfully ~

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Brisbane'.

Graham Brisbane
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21 May 2004
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