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The Secretary
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Courto

RANDWICK BARRACKS SITE REMEDIATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

You referred Submission No 2 from the Randwick Community Park Committee (the Committee) dated 11 March 2003 to Defence for comment.

The Committee's submission is supportive of Defence's Statement of Evidence and commends the Federal Government on its ongoing policy of community consultation at all stages of the development. However, they note that the Statement does not address the site's history between 1901 and 1990. Their submission provides the history of the formation and works of their Committee including the outcome of a community consultation campaign begun by them in 1976 that concluded that the site should be used for 'active and passive open space, community facilities and some low density housing'. In recognition of their dedicated, voluntary efforts over the past 30 or so years, the Committee proposes the following:

- That a plaque be installed within the public section of the new community centre recognising the Committee's efforts;
- That a public function be organised to mark the opening of the new Community Centre and that the retiring Committee and associated persons be invited; and
- That the new suburb created by the disposal be named 'Bundock' after a past local councillor.

DEFENCE RESPONSE

Defence thanks the Randwick Community Park Committee for their supportive submission.

Defence is not opposed to the request for a commemorative plaque and to inviting Committee representatives to the opening of the new community centre. At an appropriate stage in the construction program, Defence will consult with Randwick City Council and the Committee on the wording of the commemorative plaque and the compilation of the invitation list to the Community Centre's opening.

Responsibility for naming streets and suburbs lies with the local planning authority, in this case, Randwick City Council, and it is appropriate that the Committee take the matter up with them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Pezzullo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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31 March 2003