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The Hon John Murphy MP
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Standing Committee on Petitions
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Mr Murphy

Thank you for your letter of 6 June 2013 to the Minister for Defence, the Hon Stephen Smith MP, advising that a petition was recently submitted to your committee for your consideration regarding a new entrance to the Enoggera Army Base on Samford Road, Queensland (Ref 787/1248). As this matter falls within my portfolio of responsibilities, your correspondence has been passed to me for response.

The Department of Defence is aware of traffic congestion issues around the Enoggera Army Base. However, the extent to which traffic congestion would be alleviated by providing an additional entrance to Gallipoli Barracks on Samford Road, is currently unknown. In order to give this matter appropriate consideration, Defence commissioned a detailed study to develop and assess options to address the traffic concerns. A new entrance to the Barracks on Samford Road is one option that has been assessed as part of this study. The report is currently being finalised and is expected to be completed towards the end of 2013.

Once the outcomes of the study have been fully assessed, a decision can be made on whether a new entrance on Samford Road will provide the optimal value for money solution. If so, Defence will develop a detailed business case for construction of the new entrance that will be subject to Australian Government and Parliamentary approval.

In the meantime, Defence will continue to work with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Brisbane City Council to seek resolution of traffic congestion in the vicinity of Gallipoli Barracks. This includes Defence providing upgrades to the Wardell Street and Lloyd Street intersection, including extending the right turn slip lane into Lloyd Street.

Defence has also engaged additional traffic controllers during peak times at the Wanimo and Lloyd Street entrances. The Wanimo Street entrance has been modified to allow two lanes entering the Barracks during peak times, which has greatly increased the traffic flow in an effort to alleviate the concerns raised by the local community members.

I trust this information is of assistance to the Standing Committee on Petitions.

Yours sincerely

~~DAVID FEENEY~~