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# **Lavarack Barracks Redevelopment Stage 4, Townsville, Queensland**

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## **List of abbreviations**

AGO          Australian Greenhouse Office



# **Extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives**

No. 157 dated Thursday, 1 March 2007

10 PUBLIC WORKS – PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE –  
REFERENCE OF WORK – LAVARACK BARRACKS REDEVELOPMENT STAGE  
4, TOWNSVILLE, QUEENSLAND

Mr Nairn (Special Minister of State), pursuant to notice, moved – That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: Lavarack Barracks redevelopment stage 4, Townsville, Queensland.

Question – put and passed.



## **List of recommendations**

### **3 Issues and Conclusions**

#### **Recommendation 1**

The Committee recommends that Defence consider seeking a regular allocation of funds to provide for an ongoing building maintenance program with a view to extending the life of works associated with Stage 4 of the redevelopment of Lavarack Barracks.

#### **Recommendation 2**

The Committee recommends that in the interests of transparency, all future Defence projects provide full details of any development funding applied to the works.

#### **Recommendation 3**

The Committee recommends that at the earliest opportunity Defence provide details of the amount of savings that have been achieved in the development of this proposal, and whether these have been applied to deferred works.

#### **Recommendation 4**

As Defence is working with a 1998-99 master plans and that changes are likely to occur with the update of those plans, the Committee recommends that it be provided with details of any changes to plans for Lavarack Barracks.



**Recommendation 5**

The Committee recommends that Defence take the advice of the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, and seek its comments as soon as possible regarding the inclusion of appropriate fire precautions prior to completing the design phase.

**Recommendation 6**

The Committee recommends that Defence consult with the Australian Greenhouse Office and the Queensland Department of Main Roads and requests that the outcome of those consultations be made available to the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

**Recommendation 7**

The Committee recommends that Defence in the context of the need for works associated with the decontamination of the site, review the requirement to refer these works under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act (1999) and report to the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

**Recommendation 8**

The Committee recommends that Defence consider the engagement of a suitably qualified consultant to advise it on the best method of decontaminating the soil profile, and for the removal of contaminants, and that it provide details to the Committee as to how this work is to be undertaken.

**Recommendation 9**

The Committee recommends that before any buildings associated with the Vietnam era are demolished, Defence consult with the Department of Heritage and Water Resources as to the status of these buildings, and inform the Committee of the outcome of those consultations.

**Recommendation 10**

The Committee recommends that Lavarack Barracks Redevelopment Stage 4 proceed at an estimated cost of \$207.2 million.

