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*Dear Michael*

Thank you for the presentation on the second stage of the Muirhead project that I recently received from your project director, Mr. James Wallace.

As you know, many of the houses in Darwin are older houses located on the RAAF Base and the Defence Establishment at Berrima. The replacement of this housing with homes at Muirhead will improve the lifestyle of Darwin families with the provision of modern houses, in-keeping with Defence standards.

I am particularly pleased to see that the new homes will be specifically designed for Darwin's tropical climate and support the Darwin lifestyle with open plan and outdoor alfresco living, to ensure airflow between houses, and utilization of environmental elements, that is also in keeping with Defence requirements for service housing that families are reliant upon, namely garaging, good storage, and backyards. Access to schooling, amenities, and work opportunities for the family members is also important, and I am informed that this housing development is also mindful of this.

Therefore, Defence Families Australia supports the Muirhead project as delivered at this time, and would welcome updates on its progress, as well as being kept informed on other projects being planned by DFA.

Yours Sincerely,

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Julie Blackburn  
DFA National Convenor

