



**FACILITIES FOR THE MULTI USER DEPOT  
AT HMAS HARMAN  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**Response to National Capital Authority Submission to  
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works**

This letter is in response to the National Capital Authority's submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Work's inquiry into the proposed facilities for the Multi-User Depot, at HMAS Harman, Australian Capital Territory (ACT).

The Department of Defence wishes to thank the National Capital Authority (NCA) for their submission and acknowledges the legislative framework in which the NCA operates.

The Department of Defence confirms that it is aware of the special requirements associated with Canberra Avenue as a designated approach route under section 2.4 of the plan. Noting that the NCA submission states "None of the facilities proposed is within the 200 metres mentioned above, and therefore this requirement of the National Capital Plan does not apply." Although the site is not within the 200 metre zone Defence wishes to advise that it is currently conducting an impact study on the potential for an increased traffic flow on Canberra Avenue from the Multi User Depot. Defence will consult with the NCA should the study indicate that an alteration to Canberra Avenue is required.

The Department of Defence also confirms that HMAS Harman is within the 2km zone of the Bonshaw radio station, as identified in the National Capital Plan (NCP), requiring development to be referred to the Department of Defence. Internal consultation within Defence in relation to the Bonshaw radio station was conducted as part of the site selection and development process undertaken prior to selecting HMAS Harman as the preferred location.

The National Capital Plan requires development proposals on National Land located outside Designated Areas to be referred to the Authority for assessment to ensure that they are not inconsistent with the provisions of the National Capital Plan. The NCA have advised in their submission that the Multi-User-Depot proposed for HMAS Harman is "not inconsistent with the provision of the NCP. Accordingly, the Authority is pleased to advise of its support in principle for the proposed development." Notwithstanding this, it is acknowledged that further assessment of the proposal will be required by the NCA to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Development Control Plan. This will be conducted at the detailed design stage. The Department of Defence will continue to liaise with the NCA to ensure an appropriate and conforming completion of this project.