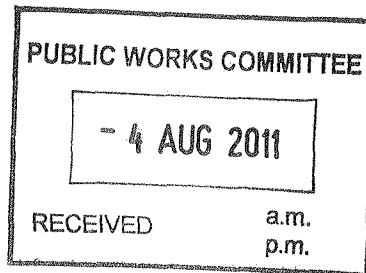


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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the public works for *Reinvestment in Australian Defence Force Specific Nutritional Capability* for the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) in Scottsdale, Tasmania.

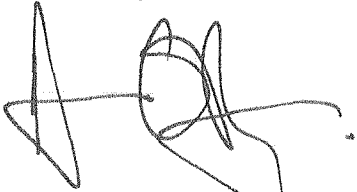
The Tasmanian Government is a strong supporter of science and innovation. On 25 August 2010, *Tasmania's Innovation Strategy* was launched, which identified that both science and innovation are priority areas for this government. Science and research has also been identified as a priority sector in the government's Economic Development Plan (EDP) which is due to be launched in August 2011.

Tasmania is home to a vibrant and diverse science and research community generating significant economic and social benefits, contributing over \$600 million annually and in excess of 3 500 highly-skilled jobs to the state economy. DSTO is a significant and highly valued contributor to this sector and the Tasmanian Government strongly supports any development which will maintain and improve DSTO operations in Tasmania.

It is important to ensure these facilities are world-class, not only for the benefit of the Australian Defence Force and the science sector in Tasmania, but also to uphold the high standards of cooperation between DSTO and Tasmanian stakeholders in the interests of promoting development in the region in which it is located. The DSTO also offers important and beneficial symbiotic opportunities with respect to Tasmania's food and agriculture sectors, which are key industries within the Tasmanian economy currently and will be increasingly so into the future.

On behalf of the Tasmanian Government I encourage the Committee to consider this development favourably and I would like to wish DSTO every success with this project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David O'Byrne', written over a horizontal line.

Hon David O'Byrne MP
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