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Dear Ms Courto

**HEADQUARTERS JOINT OPERATIONS COMMAND PROJECT
RESPONSE TO PWC SUBMISSION FROM NSW DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the submission dated 12 May 2004 from the NSW Department of State and Regional Development. We note that the NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources has classified this project as a State Significant Development.

As part of the ongoing consultation process, Defence has been actively engaged in discussions with the NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources on project related development issues. In addition, the Industry Capability Network has made themselves known to Defence and have outlined the ways in which they can assist the potential bidders to identify local business and industry which can provide services to the project.

Defence will continue the consultation process with the NSW and ACT agencies responsible for industry development to ensure the bidders are aware of the available assistance in meeting Commonwealth requirements and maximising the opportunities for local industry.

Defence recognises the positive impact projects such as this have on the local community, offering opportunities for the local business and industry, both during construction and than the operation of Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed on 21 May 2004

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