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Dear Ms Courto,

RAAF COLLEGE RELOCATION PROJECT – SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION 11

Thank you for providing a copy of the submission by Ms Kay Hull MP, Federal Member for Riverina, that provided staunch support for RAAF Wagga and the relocation of selected RAAF College Units to RAAF Base East Sale, Victoria and RAAF Base Wagga, New South Wales.

I am very pleased to see the extensive words of support from the Federal Member for Riverina and that an excellent partnership has developed between the base personnel and the Wagga Wagga community. I concur that the proposal is an investment in rural and regional Australia and that it will be a significant boost to the economy within the region.

I am also very pleased that the recent contractor information sessions that were held received such widespread attention and support from both businesses and the general public. This was certainly the same message that I received from our own Defence personnel after the public consultation meetings. I am also delighted that there have been extremely positive comments about RAAF Base Wagga and its important place in the fabric of the community.

I would like to confirm that the Officer Training School will be relocating from Point Cook to RAAF Base East Sale and No 1 Recruit Training Unit will be relocating from RAAF Base Edinburgh to RAAF Base Wagga.

Defence looks forward to continuing the excellent relationship that has been established with the Wagga Wagga and wider Riverina community.

*Yours Sincerely,***P.J. (Hutch) Hutchinson**Brigadier
Director General Infrastructure Asset Development

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