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The Secretary
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
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Attention: Ms Margaret Swieringa

RESPONSE TO PWC FROM THE NEWCASTLE AIRPORT LIMITED

1. Thank you for referring a copy of the letter dated 25 July 2002 from the Newcastle Airport Limited (NAL) concerning the RAAF Base Williamtown Redevelopment Stage 1 and Airborne Early Warning and Control Aircraft Facilities project.
2. Defence appreciates the support of NAL with respect to this proposal and acknowledges that NAL operates from land that is leased from Defence.
3. Defence acknowledges the need to consider the requirements of NAL and the wider Base/airport precinct during detailed design of the essential services works under this proposal, and will continue to consult with NAL during this process on issues that will affect the civil lease area. In response to some particular concerns noted by NAL, we note the following:
 - a. Airfield Lighting. The Defence proposal includes complete replacement of all airfield lighting other than civil side taxiway and apron lighting. The works will be designed to meet applicable standards and no adverse impact on civil operations is expected.
 - b. Sewage Plant. Although the sewage treatment plant is believed to have the capacity to meet the projected demand for the Base and lease area, the facilities are ageing, are inappropriately located, and may eventually present an unacceptably high environmental risk. The Defence proposal therefore provides for the decommissioning of the existing plant. However, removal and rehabilitation of the existing facility is not included in the project as there is no early requirement to do this, with the work scope detail subject to finalisation with the Hunter Water Corporation.

c. Power Reticulation. It is proposed to upgrade the power supply to the Base and the reticulation of power around the Base to meet the expected requirements stemming from the proposed work.

4. Defence advises that the hangar extension works identified in the Defence Statement of Evidence refer to works currently underway on Hangar 166 within the Base operational area. The works do not involve the British Aerospace facility within the civil lease area.

4. Defence notes the NAL invitation to share usage of its proposed air movements facilities. This will be taken into account when and if, a requirement arises to replace the current RAAF air movements building.



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