

**Submission No. 3**

(RAAF Williams)

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The Secretary  
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works  
House of Representatives  
PO Box 6021  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Our Ref: 68460-1

Dear Secretary,

**PROPOSED CONTAMINATION REMEDIATION WORKS, FORMER  
FIRE TRAINING AREA, RAAF WILLIAMS, POINT COOK, VICTORIA**

I refer to the proposed remedial activities to be undertaken at the above mentioned site.

Historical fire training activities undertaken at the RAAF Williams Air Base, Point Cook, have resulted in significant land and groundwater contamination at the site, and off-site discharge of contaminated groundwater.

EPA Victoria has been working closely with the Department of Defence since 2006 to ensure that appropriate clean up of this contamination is undertaken so as to protect the environments of Port Phillip Bay and the health of people who use the area for a range of recreational pursuits.

EPA Victoria has been looking for these remediation works to commence for a number of years. It is important that these works commence as soon as possible as there is a high potential for coastal erosion to permit a significant amount of contamination to discharge directly into the bay.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 9695 2619 if you have any queries regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely



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