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## **ROBERTSON BARRACKS REDEVELOPMENT**

I am putting in this submission to object to any further development at Robertson Barracks

I am concerned with the amount of traffic speed noise and rubbish that we put up with along Farrar and Brandt Road, and these problems now need to be addressed.

As a long time resident of Knuckey lagoon I have seen the area go from peaceful to that of a war zone. The speed noise and abuse (just because we dared to slow down to go into our driveways) has become intolerable. The speed is that bad that you feel you have front seats at the Hidden Valley Speed way, (this is no joke). It has become an unsafe place to live.

The traffic count would indicate a couple of thousand cars pass through here every day I believe it is probably more however in the space of our two small streets this is huge, especially as there're is only forty homes in the area, it is clearly used as an access road for the barracks. (When asked a few times by Army officials how could we prove it was army we simply stated that the uniform gave it away)

It would indicate that the Army and Government would want to deny that the road is used so wide spread this is apparent in the Defences submission indicating that we don't exist. To suggest that the four hundred new personnel (families contractors and taxis?) would be accessing Thorack Road is ludicrous, as Defence housing is spread through out the Northern suburbs and the new housing development of Lyons this will without a doubt be their entrance of choice to the Robertson Barracks, creating even more speed, noise and congestion for the residence.

While I support the activities of and value the contribution of the Defence personnel, and have no problem with the close proximity of Robertson Barracks however I feel it is High time that defence takes responsibility of providing a safer more appropriate access road for their personnel.

The residences of Farrar and Brandt road have been working to get some thing done for many years. The most recent proposal has been for the realignment of the intersection of Brandt and Campbell Road's to make access of Campbell Rd via Brandt Rd less convenient. Prior to the last Federal election there was broad agreement between the federal government, NT government and the Litchfield Shire council for this proposal to go ahead but no word from defence. I remain hopeful that the committee will consider our plight and instruct defence to act.

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