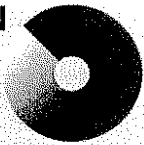


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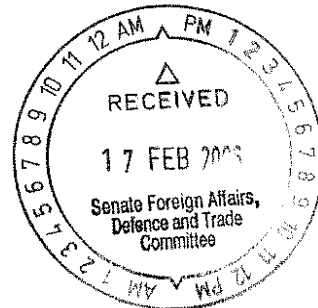
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Dear Dr Dermody

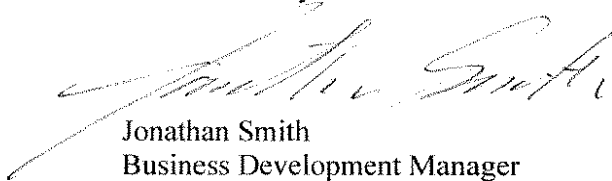
Thank you for your letter of 9 February identifying our company as having a contribution to make to the inquiry into the scope and opportunities for naval shipbuilding in Australia.

AMC Management manages the Australian Marine Complex Common User Facility (AMC CUF) at Henderson Western Australia on behalf of the Western Australian Government through their land agency LandCorp. We are fully committed to Australian Shipbuilding and skills retention and development. As such and with our links with Western Australian Government Department of Industry and Resources we are contributing to this study through their coordinated response.

RAN surface vessels operating from Fleet Base West undertake maintenance availabilities in the CUF and with recently commenced construction of the ASC Submarine Maintenance Facility and the building of a Common User Floating Dock and new wharves, submarines will also undergo maintenance availabilities at the CUF. The replacement for HMAS Westralia, the \$70m conversion of an oil tanker Delos to HMAS Sirius is also being undertaken by Tenix in the AMC CUF. The complementary skills and facilities required to build Oil & Gas and Resource Sector plant and structures has also enabled the AMC CUF to be used to undertake significant projects in these markets.

We will continue to be active in the development of infrastructure and skills capability to support Australian Shipbuilding and eagerly await the deliberations and outcomes of the committee.

Yours sincerely


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