Commencement of Construction: New Holsworthy Barracks Entry, Heathcote Road

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Dear Resident,

We wrote to you last year to provide you with information regarding the Department of Defence’s Moorebank Units Relocation (MUR) Project.

As you may be aware, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC) approved the Moorebank Units Relocation Project on 19 September, 2012.

As part of the MUR Project, road works are about to commence on Heathcote Road, between Macarthur Drive and The Avenue in Hammondville.

Benefits of the Heathcote Rd Works

These works are designed to improve traffic conditions in the area by:

- Relocating the entry to Holsworthy Barracks from its current location close to Holsworthy Railway Station to approximately 800m south on Heathcote Rd;
- Reducing Defence traffic by approximately 30 per cent and overall congestion at the existing traffic bottleneck at the Macarthur Drive intersection with Heathcote Rd;
- Upgrading Heathcote Rd between the Williams Creek Bridge and railway overpass into a dual carriageway road;
- Providing a new entry to Holsworthy Barracks with traffic lights and two dedicated turning lanes off Heathcote Road; and
- Providing new drainage, street lights, pedestrian and cycle crossings, traffic signals, guardrails and landscaping and improved bicycle access.

Works Scope and Timeline

- Works will commence imminently on Heathcote Road and are expected to take six months to complete.
- The first phase of the works involves site establishment, including the installation of concrete barriers, removal of existing barriers, the temporary realignment of lanes to the south of the existing pavement and adjustments to Defence’s boundary fencing.
- Following this, works will include earthworks, the construction of new pavements, drainage works, the installation of traffic light conduits, median and pavement construction, asphalt laying and re-surfacing.
• The new entry into Holsworthy Barracks will be used following its completion for construction-related traffic associated with the MUR Project.
• In January 2015, following the completion of the major components of the MUR Project, the existing entry to Holsworthy Barracks near the Holsworthy Railway Station will be closed and no longer used by any Defence traffic.

Works will be undertaken Monday to Friday from 7am-7pm, and Saturday 7am-1pm, and there will be speed reductions to 40km/hr around the work site for the safety of motorists and workers.

Two lanes will remain open to traffic for the duration of the works, and traffic flows will be monitored for the duration of the works to minimise delays.

Every effort will be made to minimise impacts on local residents during these works. If you have concerns or questions please email MUR.Project@defence.gov.au

For more information about the scope of the MUR Project please visit http://www.defence.gov.au/id/moorebank/default.htm

Yours Sincerely,

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Authorised Commonwealth Representative
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