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Headquarters Joint Operations Command Project

Community Consultation Working Group

Meeting Record: Meeting No 4 – New HQJOC Site Offices, 8 March 2007

		Headquarters Joint Operations Command Project			
Location:		HQJOC Project Site Offices			Date: 8 March 2007
Present:	Apology	Copy	Initials	Name:	Organisation (if applicable)
X		X	Chair	Brigadier Wayne Budd	Director General - Headquarters Joint Operations Command Project
X		X		Mr Bob Hunter	Chief Operating Officer, Praeco Pty Ltd
	X	X		Mr Tim Beckett	Carwoola/Stony Creek
		X		Mr Geoff Bird	Queanbeyan Business Council
		X		Mr David Brew	Carwoola/Stony Creek
X		X		Mr Arthur Dalton	Carwoola/Stony Creek
		X		Councillor Annabel Dobson	Queanbeyan City Council
X		X		Mr Wally Hirsch	Industry Capability Network
X		X		Mr Ian McNamee	Queanbeyan Business Council
X		X		Mr John Taylor	Bungendore
	X	X		Mr Jeremy Wyatt	Queanbeyan Leagues Club
		X		Mr Tobias Downe	Hoskinstown
X		X		MR Chris Bruce	Carwoola/Stony Creek
X		X		Mr Peter Robertson	Leightons
X		X		Mr Tom Ussia	Leightons
X		X		Ms Emma Gardner	Site Manager Leightons

X		X		David Nelson	Design Manager Leightons
X		X		Colonel Paul Appleton	Chief of Staff - Headquarters Joint Operations Command Project
X		X	SEC	Mr Colin Blair	Public Affairs Officer – HQJOC Project

Recorded By: Mr Colin Blair

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Item	Details	Action	Date
	Start		
	The CCWG met at 12.30pm and undertook a guided tour of the Primary Access Route and a briefing of construction activities overlooking the Headquarters building. The Working Group then reconvened in Defence's Site Huts for the formal meeting.		
	Apologies		
	Apologies received from Messrs Jeremy Wyatt and Tim Beckett.		
1.0	Opening remarks		
1.1	Brigadier Budd opened the meeting with introductions (as the Project's new Director General, succeeding Air Commodore Jack Plenty) and gained endorsement by the Group for the minutes from the previous meeting, held in Bungendore on 15 November 2006.		
2.0	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes		
2.1	Nil		
3.0	Praeco Project Update		
3.1	Mr Bob Hunter, for the contractor Praeco Pty Ltd, provided a short update brief on the civil works and early building construction work underway on the site. This included the forming of the major access roundabout adjacent to the Kings Highway, connecting the main access road to the headquarters facility, forming the emergency access route and constructing the foundations for the new headquarters complex. The Group was shown various aspects of this work during the earlier site tour.		
3.2	Other points covered in his briefing included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project calls for extensive re-cycling of all water used on the site. This involves a sewerage treatment plant, supplemented by storm water and bore water from a local aquifer which is separate to the aquifer that services Bungendore. Surface water will be captured in several storage ponds on the site. • The 220 hectare headquarters site has been systematically surveyed to locate and secure Aboriginal and early European artefacts. Two small stone quarries were located and Brigadier Budd advised that Aboriginal and historical sites will be preserved on site through the alteration of planned construction activities. Additionally, a selection of the conserved artefacts will be incorporated in a permanent display at the new headquarters. • Leightons is considering a range of options for meeting heritage conservation requirements for the remains of the former Hibernia Hotel which are located near the site for the new highway intersection roundabout. A decision on suitable protection of the ruins is expected shortly. • Praeco is on course to hand over the completed headquarters and ancilliary buildings by July next year (2008). 		
4.0	Defence Project Update		

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4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brigadier Budd explained that test results show the new headquarters facility is most unlikely to generate radio interference likely to be detrimental to the operations of the nearby Sydney University Molonglo Observatory radio telescope. The bulk of Communications traffic to and from the HQJOC site will be via underground fibre optic cabling. • The Headquarters building, with only three external windows, will not be a significant light source. • Brigadier Budd explained the origins of the concept of a fully integrated Headquarters Joint Operations Command which would, for the first time, locate the planning and operations staff from the three Services and Special Forces under the one roof, sharing the same IT systems. He said the concept of a joint operational command had its early inception in 1994. The HQJOC plans and executes all ADF deployments both for military eg (Iraq, Afghanistan) and humanitarian (eg Indonesian earthquakes) missions. He said some headquarters staff were already relocated in Canberra to operate a transitional HQJOC prior to the new headquarters coming on line by the end of next year (2008). • Defence has considered a number of transport options for staff at the new facility. Investigations will be conducted into the feasibility of bus services and there will be ample staff car parking on site. • The Kings Highway traffic issue has been addressed by a number of traffic surveys by Roads ACT and the NSW RTA, and a further survey will determine the likely impact on highway traffic of the reduced number of personnel (cut in October 2005 from 1,185 to 750). Brigadier Budd said the Department must provide accurate traffic information to meet the requirements of the Project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). 		
5.0	Other Matters		
5.1	Mr Ian McNamee, representing the Queanbeyan Business Council, requested that the Project provide an update briefing to the Council in coming weeks. Brigadier Budd agreed to the briefing, to be supported by Project audio visual material.	Colin Blair	May 07
6.0	Next Meeting		
6.1	The next meeting is proposed to be held at a venue and date to be advised, in mid 2007.		
6..2	The meeting concluded at 2.15 pm.		

(Signed)

W.G Budd
Brigadier
 (Chair)

22 March 2007

(Signed)

Colin Blair
 (Secretary)

22 March 2007