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**Headquarters Joint Operations Command Project**

**Community Consultation Working Group (CCWG)**

**Meeting Record: Meeting No 6 – New HQJOC Site Offices, 8 November, 2007**

		Headquarters Joint Operations Command Project				
Location:		HQJOC Project Site Offices				Date: 8 November 2007
Present:	Apology	Copy	Initials	Name:	Organisation (if applicable)	
X		X		Brigadier Wayne Budd	Director General - Headquarters Joint Operations Command Project	
X		X		Mr Peter Robertson	Project Director, Praeco Pty Ltd	
X		X		Mr Bob Hunter	Praeco Pty Ltd	
X		X		Colonel Paul Appleton	Chief of Staff - Headquarters Joint Operations Command Project	
		X		Mr Tim Beckett	Carwoola/Stony Creek	
	X	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		Mr Bill Baker	Representing Queanbeyan Business Council	
	X	X		Mr John Taylor	Bungendore	
X		X		Mr Jeremy Wyatt	Queanbeyan Leagues Club	
	X	X		Mr Tobias Downe	Hoskinstown	
		X		Mr Chris Bruce	Carwoola/Stony Creek	

X		X		Mr Tom Ussia	Leightons
X		X		Mr David Nelson	Design Manager Leightons
X		X	SEC	Mr Colin Blair	Public Affairs Officer – HQJOC Project
Recorded By: Mr Colin Blair					

Item	Details	Action	Date
	<b>Start</b>		
	The CCWG met for the sixth time at 1 pm at the HQJOC site offices.		
	<b>Apologies</b>		
	Apologies were received from Messrs John Taylor, Ian McNamee, Geoffrey Bird, and Tobias Downe.		
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Opening remarks</b>		
1.1	Brigadier Budd opened the meeting with general discussion on local issues. This included points raised by Mr Dalton regarding progress on landscaping the HQJOC site. Leightons aim to restore the 220 hectare site to its original status (grassed grazing land). The overall aim is to limit the impact of the new facility on the local environment as much as possible. This includes incorporating subdued security lighting. However, the facility will still be visible to residents with properties overlooking the site.		
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b>		
2.1	Nil		
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Defence Project Update</b>		
3.1	Brigadier Budd emphasised the importance Defence attached to ongoing community consultation as the Project progresses towards completion and occupation from the end of 2008. The following points were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HQJOC will be part of the community for the next 30 years and will continue to be involved with the community throughout its tenure at the site;</li> <li>• Defence welcomes any feedback from the community and will be responsive to any issues that might be raised concerning the new Facility;</li> <li>• Defence has already pledged \$8.2 million to be available immediately for various improvements to the Kings Highway between Bungendore and Queanbeyan.</li> <li>• This includes improvement to the Captains Flat Road intersection with the highway and construction of four new overtaking lanes.</li> <li>• The upgrade works were designed to address the “worst case scenario” for Kings future Highway traffic volumes.</li> <li>• The new alternate Emergency Access Road (EAR) linking the facility to Captain's Flat Road was now completed but will be closed to all but emergency vehicles, as required under the Environmental Impact licence agreement.</li> </ul>		
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Praeco/Leightons Project Update</b>		
4.1	Mr Ussia, from Leightons, provided a brief update on site works, saying that good progress was being achieved across the construction phase. This work included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completing the external building works (roofs and walls) and undertaking the internal fit-out. Partitioning is nearly complete and site services are being installed ready for commissioning, probably before Christmas.</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landscaping work is continuing with new grassed areas being prepared and all civil works were nearing completion.</li> <li>Once the internal fit-out and services are completed and accepted, Defence will commence installation of the complex IT (C4I) systems for the new headquarters.</li> </ul>		
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Other Matters</b>		
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Dalton advised that he had been asked to raise the issue of a light rail train service between Canberra/ Queanbeyan and Bungendore. The proponents had suggested that the large workforce at HQJOC could help to make the service a viable proposition.</li> <li>Brigadier Budd said Defence was aware of media interest in train transport but no business proposal had ever been provided to Defence for any train alternative.</li> <li>The train service would need to be self supporting and offer a workable travel option in order to attract HQJOC commuters. This included, not sponsored by Defence, a rail platform at the HQJOC site and suitable arrangements for passengers to access the train in Canberra/Queanbeyan.</li> </ul>		
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>		
6.1	The next meeting is proposed to be held at the same venue in mid to late February 2008.		
6.2	The meeting concluded at 1.40 pm.		

**W.G. Budd**  
**Brigadier**  
 (Chair)

**Colin Blair**  
 (Secretary)

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