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Headquarters Joint Operations Command Project

Community Consultation Working Group

Meeting Record: Meeting No 3 – Palerang Council Chambers, 15 November 2006.

		Headquarters Joint Operations Command Project			Reference: 2006/1048524/1
Location:		Palerang Council Chambers, Bungendore			Date: 15 November 2006
Present:	Apology	Copy	Initials	Name:	Organisation:
X		X	Chair	Air Commodore Jack Plenty	Director General - Headquarters Joint Operations Command Project
		X		Mr Michael Andrews	Bungendore
X		X		Mr Tim Beckett	Carwoola/Stony Creek
	X	X		Mr Geoff Bird	Queanbeyan
		X		Mr David Brew	Carwoola/Stony Creek
		X		Mr Chris Bruce	Carwoola/Stony Creek
		X		Ms Alix Burnett	Bungendore
X		X		Mr Arthur Dalton	Carwoola/Stony Creek
	X	X		Ms Annabel Dobson	Carwoola/Stony Creek
X		X		Mr Tobias Downe	Hoskinstown
X		X		Mr Wally Hirsch	Industry Capability Network
	X	X		Mr Ian McNamee	Queanbeyan Business Council
	X	X		Mr John Taylor	Bungendore
	X	X		Councillor Sue Whelan	Queanbeyan City Council
	X	X		Mr Jeremy Wyatt	Queanbeyan Leagues Club
X		X		Mr David Nelson	Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd, Design Manager

X		X		Mr Tom Ussia	Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd, Site Manager
X		X		Colonel Paul Appleton	Chief of Staff - Headquarters Joint Operations Command Project
X		X	SEC	Mr Colin Blair	Public Affairs Officer - Headquarters Joint Operations Command Project
Recorded By: Mr Colin Blair					

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	Start		
	The meeting commenced at 12.45.		
	Apologies		
	Apologies were received from Annabel Dobson, John Taylor, Jeremy Wyatt, Geoff Bird and Ian McNamee.		
	Others attending		
	Ms Angie Angel (Bungendore Mirror) and Mr Brian and Mrs Alison Charlton (for John Taylor)		
1.0	Opening remarks		
1.1	Air Commodore Plenty opened the meeting with a brief summary of the minutes from the previous meeting held on 31 August 2006 which were endorsed by the Group.		
2.0	Previous Minutes		
2.1	The previous minutes had been endorsed by the Working Group out of session.	Nil	
3.0	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes		
3.1	There were nil matters arising from the previous minutes.	Nil	
4.0	Defence Project Update		
4.1	The Chair advised the meeting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defence and Praeco were undertaking the detailed design development for the facility; and Prime Minister John Howard had led a ceremonial "turning of the first sod" ceremony at the Headquarters site on 3 November, signifying the launch of the construction phase. 		
5.0	Praeco Project Update		
5.1	Mr David Nelson, Leighton's Design Manager, and Project Site Manager, Mr Tom Ussia, then briefed the Group on developments in design and construction.		
5.2	Points covered in this briefing included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial construction at the site entrance beside the Kings Highway would quickly expand from the current security post and project signage to significant earthworks required for the new roundabout at the intersection where the primary access route will join the Kings Highway. Civil engineers were progressing the intersection design and RoadsACT was expected to give approval in about two weeks for the intersection construction to commence. The roundabout will be similar to (but larger than) the roundabout on the Monaro Highway in Tuggeranong. A drawing of the intersection is available on the Project's website. Traffic travelling from Queanbeyan eastbound would by-pass the roundabout by following the existing roadway while traffic from Bungendore would enter the 		

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	<p>roundabout and re-join the highway beyond the intersection. The intersection has been designed to accommodate high density traffic as safely and efficiently as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would be minimal impact on traffic throughout the construction phase because the roundabout would be built beside the existing two-lane highway. However, there would be some disruption for a short period towards the end of the roundabout construction phase (February/March 2007) when the new tie-in roads would connected the roundabout to the Kings Highway. • Traffic turning into the headquarters primary access road will be separated from through traffic by the roundabout and when exiting the headquarters, will re-enter the highway from appropriate merging lanes. • The Chair advised that the HQJOC Project will fund the new intersection but the responsibility for any improvements to the Kings Highway is the responsibility of the ACT and NSW Governments. • Construction of the intersection and primary access road is expected to start later in November and should be completed in about three months, weather conditions permitting. • Leighton Contractors have established a temporary office in Bungendore. • The design work was progressing for a new bridge under the Queanbeyan to Goulburn railway line. Pre-formed concrete bridge components would be erected during a three-day line closure in January 2007. • On-site building earth works including footings for the new buildings would start shortly and Leighton Contractors would use re-cycled "grey" water for most of its construction water needs. 		
6.0	New Business		
6.1	<p>In response to questions about the selection of the Headquarters site, the Chair explained that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the site was chosen for a variety of reasons, as listed on the Project website, which included the need for sufficient land to provide a security buffer zone around the facility and to also have sufficient land to minimise any the impact from future urban expansion. • the site has been completely fenced with warning signs advising that the area is Commonwealth property • the facility would not be fully visible from the Kings Highway because of the topography of the site. <p>The Chair reminded the Group of the Project web site: http://www.defence.gov.au/id/hqjoc/ where the latest information would be posted.</p>		
7.0	Next Meeting		
7.1	The meeting agreed that the next meeting would be held at a venue in Queanbeyan on a date to be advised in early February 2007.		
8.0	The meeting concluded at 1.30 pm.		


B.E. PLENTY
 Air Commodore
 (Chair)

27 January 2007


Mr Colin Blair
 (Secretary)

27 January 2007