

THE DEFENCE LEGAL SERVICE
CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF 5 DEC 01
COMMITTEE DECISION 90/01

**Subject: Policy – Location of the Military Law Centre and the Asia Pacific
Centre for Military Law**

The Committee noted:

1. The verbal brief and written briefing material dated 5 Dec 01 provided by LTCOL Paul Muggleton, A/DMLC.
2. That Infrastructure Division had previously decided that the future location of the MLC and APCML would be the subject of an Estate Capability Requirement process with HMAS Penguin being a site option and that this process is expected to take at least 12 months to complete.
3. That DGTDLS had requested the allocation of space at HMAS Penguin on an interim basis, however, this request was not accepted and space at the Defence Plaza at 270 Pitt Street, Sydney was offered instead.
4. A visit of the Defence Plaza by Prof. McCormack and A/DMLC was organised. Within the Defence Plaza two floors were currently available for occupation by the MLC and APCML and Mr Tony Highley, Planning Liaison Officer, CSIG offered two fit out options.
5. One option involved the reconfiguring of part only of the 17th or 18th floors for enclosed offices, a number of conference rooms, an orderly room and a training/printing room with the MLC and APCML sharing lecture rooms, syndicate rooms and computer resource rooms on the 10th and 11th floors.
6. The second option involved being self-sufficient on either the whole of the 17th or 18th floors or both. The reconfiguration would provide both office and training facilities.
7. The assessment by A/DML that the Defence Plaza could be a feasible interim solution, however, it could not meet one of the key requirements, namely collocated residential and training facilities. Without collocation students will require access to resources for out of hours research and study and there will additional costs associated with travel from residential accommodation to training facilities.
8. The recommendation that the MLC and APCML move to Sydney by

mid-2002 and Infrastructure Division be asked to make a commitment to this timeline.

The Committee decided:

1. To **agree** to accept the Defence Plaza as an **interim solution** for the location of the MLC and APCML subject to the following:
 - a. That the reconfiguration as outlined in option 2 was approved;
 - b. That access to resources for out of hours research and study should be provided; and
 - c. That additional funding should be provided to cover the additional travel costs associated with travel from residential accommodation to training facilities (as well as the cost of the reconfiguration).

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