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ESTS4000PH6 – Community FAQs

Project overview

Why is the Project needed?

- Upgrades to the Hobart Class Destroyer's Combat System are underway. The system enhancement will maintain the Hobart Class Destroyer's criticality within the modern warfare context. To support the Ships' upgrades, Defence is required to establish new land-based support facilities. Improvements to the existing Randwick Barracks training facilities, including a new extension, will be used to train the ship's crew to operate and maintain the systems.

What is proposed?

- Work will include internal upgrades and an extension to the existing Navy Training Centre.
- New vehicle access ways into the extension, connecting to the existing base entry off Avoca Street.
- Enabling works including upgrades to stormwater and communication systems.
- All works will remain within the existing site boundary.

Why this location?

- The proposed development will link via a corridor to existing facilities at the site. Upgrading classrooms, office space, and amenities within the existing building will minimise the size of the required extension. New training courses will be delivered in parallel to the existing Navy Training curriculum.

Project approvals

Who approves the Project?

- The Project is seeking Parliamentary approval from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (known as the PWC).
- Referral to the House of Representatives is planned for November 2026. Approval is expected by May 2027.

Providing feedback

How can we submit feedback?

- Defence is seeking to engage with the community and stakeholders before the official PWC process begins. We are doing this early so that we can understand what's important to the community and incorporate feedback into the formal project referral. This will allow us to consider the community's views and make changes to address concerns ahead of referral.
- Before the formal referral, you can provide feedback by emailing the project team at cfi.publicenquiries@defence.gov.au
- Once the project is referred to the PWC, the Committee will advertise for public submissions in local and national newspapers that service the Randwick community.
- Information on how to make a submission is available on the following webpages:

- Making a submission to a committee inquiry – Parliament of Australia
- Role of the Committee – Parliament of Australia

How will my feedback influence the design?

- Information submitted to the Project team will be considered as part of the 90% design consideration milestone. The Project will review submissions and consider updates to the building form, landscape design and services provisions to mitigate the impacts of genuine community concerns.

Potential project impacts

When will construction start, and how long will it take?

- Pending project approval, construction of the new extension and internal upgrades is scheduled to commence in mid-2027.
- Construction and building commissioning is expected to continue until mid-2030.

What will the new building look like?

- The proposed building is an extension to the existing Training Centre.
- The building architecture will mirror the form and aesthetics of the existing facility.

Will there be any disruptive impacts during construction?

- As with any construction project, there may be impacts during the construction period, but we are taking steps to minimise these.
- General construction impacts may include noise, dust and vibration. These are considered within the appointed Contractor's Management Plans, which set out the safe work methods to be complied with on-site.
- We'll use the right equipment for each task and will monitor our work to minimise any impacts.
- Mitigation strategies will be in place to ensure that potentially disruptive works are completed during low-impact periods.
- Neighbouring residents will be informed in advance of disruptive work. This might include work that must be completed outside of standard construction hours, or where noisy work is required.

Will there be traffic or parking impacts?

- Traffic and parking impacts are expected to be minimal.
- During construction, workers and construction vehicles will be required to park within the Randwick Barracks site. This means there shouldn't be any reduction to parking for local residents.
- Site access will be via the existing front entrance off Avoca Street, so traffic impacts should be minimal. We'll prepare a traffic management plan to maintain traffic flow and ensure site safety. Large or impactful deliveries will be planned for outside peak traffic hours.

Will there be any visual or environmental impacts from the development?

- The new structure has been designed to integrate with the existing building. Once construction is completed, it will look like a natural extension of the Training Centre.
- The Project will complete a re-alignment of the existing playing fields during construction.
- There are no plans to remove any of the existing trees along the southern boundary of the Randwick Barracks site as part of this project.

Connection to other projects

Will the Project be impacted by the Defence Estate Audit's recommendation for the partial divestment of the Randwick Barracks Estate?

- The Project is not linked to the Estate Audit activities and will not be built on land that has been identified for potential divestment.
- Additional information on the recommended partial divestment at the site is available on the following webpage: Randwick Barracks | Defence or by contacting estate.engagement@defence.gov.au