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Gillian Gould
Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Gillian,

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIAN AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE CONCERNING
THE USE OF SHOALWATER BAY TRAINING AREA AND THE USE OF
ASSOCIATED FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA**

Reference:

A. Your Letter dated 23 June 2005

Thank you for your letter of 23 June 2005 in which you refer to a letter from the Queensland Government dated 26 July 2004 which has not been acknowledged in the National Interests Analysis (NIA).

This letter was not present on our records, and please accept my apologies for it's omission from the NIA.

I can now send you a copy I received 6 Jul 05 and ask it be registered for the NIA

Paul Watson
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6 July 2005

Enclosures: Copy of Letter from Queensland Government dated 26 July 2004

Copies: JOSS - SQ

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Please quote: 58687/SD12/IGR

26 JUL 2004

Mr Paul Watson
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Dear Mr Watson

Thank you for your letter of 25 June 2004 concerning the revised *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Singapore concerning the use of Shoalwater Bay Training Area and the use of Associated Facilities in Australia (SWBTA)*. I have been requested to reply to you on the Premier's behalf.

The Queensland Government has no concerns or objections to this agreement, and is supportive of proposed measures to strengthen the agreement. The Queensland Government is particularly appreciative of the Department of Defence's requirement for increased sub-contracting opportunities for small and medium enterprises in Central Queensland. The consultative relationships between the Queensland Government and Department of Defence appear to be working well, and the Premier looks forward to future developments flowing from this agreement.

Yours sincerely

ORIGINAL SIGNED

**Rob Whiddon
Chief of Staff**