



14 February 2005

The Hon Judi Moylan MP
Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Public Works
RG 31
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Ms Moylan,

**New Housing for Defence Housing Authority at McDowell, Brisbane
Submission No 3 – Origin Energy Asset Management**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the submission from Origin Energy Asset Management.

Origin Energy Asset Management has advised that the proposed development can be serviced by gas and that it is unaware as to the source of information advising to the contrary.

DHA's consultant engineers, Cardno Alexander Browne, consulted with the Natural Gas Marketing Unit of Origin Energy in October 2003 and were advised that a gas main was located in the southern road reserve of Rode Road. This gas main was a high pressure main and incapable of providing a connection to facilitate reticulation of the site. The nearest suitable domestic mains terminated at the intersection of Markway Street/Tyrone Street and Rode Road. This intersection is located approximately one kilometre east of the development.

Origin Energy advised that the main would need to be extended from this location alongside Rode Road to provide a supply to the development. This mains extension and subsequent reticulation to the site was advised as not being economically viable for provision by Origin Energy.

It is DHA's practice to confirm during design development whether any design constraints have changed. Design development would only proceed upon approval of the proposed development by the Joint Standing Committee on Public Works.

DHA is pleased that latest advice from Origin Energy Asset Management indicates that mains extension and subdivision reticulation can be provided. Gas servicing will therefore be included in the proposed development.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Lyon', written in a cursive style.

Keith Lyon
Managing Director