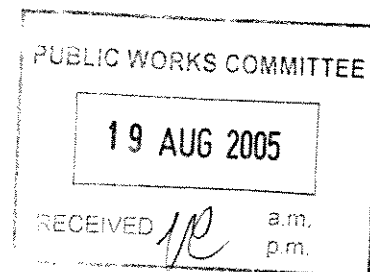


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The Secretary
Public Works Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Secretary


RE: Redevelopment of RAAF Base Amberley

I am writing to you in my role as the current President of the Ipswich Region Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc. Our organisation represents over 260 businesses and corporations in the Ipswich region. The Chamber is very pleased with the recent announcement by the Federal Government in providing substantial funding to redevelop the RAAF Base at Amberley. The City of Ipswich together with the businesses of the Ipswich region have, over many years had a long and positive relationship with the RAAF Base, Amberley. The Ipswich Region Chamber has always regarded the RAAF Base as one of the corner-stones in providing long term economic benefits to this region.

On this basis, the Ipswich Region Chamber of Commerce & Industry would strongly support the Federal Government decision to fund the redevelopment of RAAF Base Amberley. We believe this decision is not only beneficial in the long term for the Ipswich region but is also complimentary to Local and State Government planning as well as private development interests already being considered for the whole western corridor region which will result in this region being recognised as one of the fastest growing in Australia.

If you wish to discuss further the Chamber's view of the impact of the redevelopment of the RAAF Base Amberley on our region, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



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