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The Secretary
Public Works Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

**PUBLIC WORKS INQUIRY
RELOCATION OF RAAF COLLEGE: RAAF BASE EAST SALE, VICTORIA**

1. I am writing in support of the relocation of the RAAF Training College to East Sale.
2. Sale Neighbourhood House was established in August 1981, and one of the founding committee's original aims was to offer support and information services to those without extended family in the area. At that time there were large numbers of Defence Force and ESSO families in Sale who came to the House and made new friendships, which made the separation from family and friends somewhat easier.
3. People who are new to the region are welcomed into the environment of the House and are soon accepted, giving them a feeling of inclusion and ownership.
4. Although the number of new arrivals has declined over the years we have always kept the original aim in mind, enjoying an excellent relationship with Defence Force families that have been transferred to the area.
5. As a registered Children's Services Centre and a provider of adult education and leisure and craft classes, it is with great anticipation that we look forward to the expansion of the RAAF Base at East Sale and the expected arrival of many new families to the Wellington Shire. We are confident that we have a lot to offer and look forward to continuing our association with the families of the personnel from East Sale in the years to come.

Yours faithfully,

Diane Birss

Diane Birss
President
Committee of Management