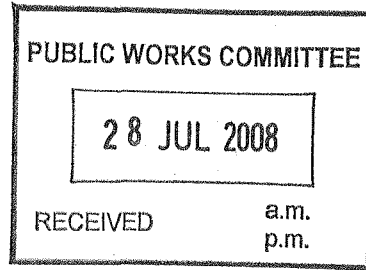


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MAYOR OF IPSWICH
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Submission No. 2
(Super Hornet Facilities)

M.R. 28/07/08

The Secretary
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works,
PO Box 6021,
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

The Secretary

Super Hornet Facilities, RAAF Base Amberley, QLD

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Council has established an excellent working relationship with the Department of Defence in developing a Town Planning Scheme over many years and it is this successful partnership that has made the redevelopment possible.

Ipswich City Council recognise and support the need for the capital works project's in rebuilding the RAAF Base Amberley to provide the necessary new, expanded and modified facilities and infrastructure to support future capability at RAAF Base Amberley.

The Town Planning Scheme encourages development at RAAF Airbase Amberley and has been designed to protect the operating efficiency of the Airbase through a number of conditions relating to building heights, lighting controls and an extensive buffer zone, all designed to ensure that other developments do not affect operations on the Airbase.

The Western Corridor of South East Queensland is experiencing rapid growth and the SEQ Regional Plan (2005) predicts that the population in the Western Corridor and Ipswich region will grow by a further 1 Million by 2026. This tremendous growth will bring benefits and challenges and providing jobs for the increased population will be an important issue.

We enthusiastically welcome the economic and social benefits that the new and improved Super Hornets Facility will bring to our region and look forward to working with industry and all levels of Government to capitalise on these opportunities.

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The Department of State Development has purchased 170 hectares of land adjacent to the Airbase for the establishment of an Aerospace Industrial Park. These projects will provide further momentum for the development of this industrial park creating significant economic benefits to our region.

Ipswich City Council looks forward to working in partnership with the Australian Defence Force's upgrade of the Australian Super Hornet Facilities Project with initial support of No 82 Wing's No 1 Squadron, No 6 Squadron and No 278 Squadron transition from F-111 to F/A-18F Super Hornets for an expected ten year period from 2010.

Regards



Mayor Paul Pisasale
City of Ipswich