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Your ref: LEP2013

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Dear Ms Hanrahan

Draft Lithgow Principal Local Environmental Plan 2013

Thank you for referring the above Draft Lithgow Principal Local Environmental Plan 2013 (the LEP) to the Department of Defence (Defence) for comment. Defence is seeking to provide preliminary advice to the LEP. More detailed secondary advice will follow in the coming weeks.

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The proposed General Residential zoning adjacent to the Marrangaroo Training Area is not supported by Defence. This rezoning may expose residents to disturbances from activities conducted inside the training area in terms of noise and seismic vibration.

Defence is also concerned that the General Residential zoning may indirectly result in increased civilian trespass onto Marrangaroo Training Area with possible exposure to unexploded ordnance.

Should you wish to discuss the content of this submission further please contact Mr Nick Parker on (02) 6266 8201 or email on lpsi.directorate@defence.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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Draft Lithgow Principal Local Environmental Plan 2013- Supplemental Advice

Thank you for referring the above Draft Lithgow Principal Local Environmental Plan 2013 (the Draft LEP) to the Department of Defence (Defence) for comment. Defence is seeking to provide supplemental secondary advice to Defence's preliminary advice dated 7 August 2013 (please see Attachment 1).

Marrangaroo Training Area (MTA) has been identified as an enduring Defence training area which supports a number of Demolition Ranges on which Unexploded Ordnance Disposal and explosive training activities are conducted. The training area also provides rugged training sectors suitable for arduous Infantry Minor Tactics and adventurous training exercises for the surrounding Army Reserve and Sydney based regular tri-Service units. The MTA also provides an ideal location for driver training due to its varying terrain.

The MTA is suitable for trials by scientific and other suitably accredited organisations when authorised to do so by Defence through Defence Support - Central and Northern New South Wales and the Directorate of Operations and Training Area Management. Defence is unlikely to reduce the intensity of use of the MTA in the foreseeable future.

Defence understands the Lithgow City Council is seeking to remedy inconsistencies between the Lithgow City Council Land Use Strategy (LUS) and the Draft LEP. A variation is being sought to remedy LUS Residential Land Action 11.2. The variation is seeking to include the Marrangaroo Study Area in the Draft LEP as an Urban Release Area to bring forward detailed concept and infrastructure planning through the implementation of the provisions contained in Part 6 of the Draft LEP.

The proposed Marrangaroo Urban Release Area adjacent to the MTA is not supported by Defence. Defence does not support any change of zoning that will lead to the intensification of urban development within close proximity to the MTA.

In previous Defence correspondence to Lithgow City Council dated 16 June 2011 (please see Attachment 2), Defence requested that buffers be established to provide sufficient separation between Defence activities and urban development to minimise land use conflict. Defence would again like to request that a land use buffer be established to separate MTA from future urban development.

Intensification of urban development near the MTA would expose residents to noise and seismic vibration disturbances from activities conducted inside the training area. Public exposure to this type of noise and seismic vibrations inevitably leads to complaints from the public. This in turn would lead to Defence curtailing or altering the training activities conducted at the MTA.

Urban encroachment from the proposed Marrangaroo Urban Release Area can lead to increased civilian trespass onto MTA which would expose civilians to an increased risk to injury by unexploded ordnance on the MTA. Defence is keen to ensure that this does not occur.

Defence notes on the Lithgow Zone Map, the MTA is identified as SP2 –Infrastructure. This designation is inconsistent with the NSW Department of Planning and Transport LEP Practice Note 11-002. Defence requests that the advice contained in this practice note is followed and that the MTA is identified as SP2-Defence.

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Attachments:

1. Letter to Lithgow City Council: Draft Lithgow Principal Local Environmental Plan 2013- 7 August 2013.
2. Letter to Lithgow City Council: Draft Lithgow Land Use Strategy 2010-2030 and Supporting Studies – Public Exhibition (Your Ref: LUS08-09)- 16 June 2011.

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Attention: Sherilyn Hanrahan

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: DRAFT LITHGOW LAND USE STRATEGY 2010-2030 AND SUPPORTING STUDIES –
PUBLIC EXHIBITION (Your ref: LUS08-09)**

Thank you for referring the Draft Lithgow Land Use Strategy to the Department of Defence for comment. Defence is supportive of the preparation of the strategy to ensure appropriate settlement and land use, particularly around the Marrangaroo Training Area.

The strategy identifies industrial employment lands at Reserve Rd Marrangaroo, and the Marrangaroo locality as the next major residential area for Lithgow. While industrial use is generally considered to be compatible with Defence activities, residential is not. Defence is keen to ensure that appropriate buffers are in place to reduce potential land use conflicts and to protect future residents from noise and vibration from the training area. Defence would therefore like to be involved in further development of these land use boundaries when they are reviewed for inclusion in the Lithgow Local Environmental Plan.

Defence notes that the *Marrangaroo Strategic Framework Plan* includes a 'Possible Bells Line Road Route' to the north of the correctional facility, through Defence land. Defence understands that the Newnes Plateau corridor is no longer being considered by the Roads and Traffic Authority. Defence would not support any extension to the Bells Line of Road that intersects the training area.

Defence seeks to be consulted further on any future land use proposals that occur within the Marrangaroo area. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Tim Hogan, Assistant Director External Land Planning, on (02) 6266 8540 or by email at timothy.hogan2@defence.gov.au.

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