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Attention: Mr Murray Connell

**RE: PROPOSED LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT  
ADDITIONAL USE AND SPECIAL CONTROL AREA – YANGET ROAD,  
KOJARENA**

Thank you for your letter of 23 October 2013 (Ref LP/15/0010) referring the abovementioned proposal to the Department of Defence (Defence) for comment.

It is understood that this application is for the approval of a Scheme Amendment that seeks to add a new Additional Use to 'Schedule 2 – Additional Uses' to permit the use of part of Lot 1422 off Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road Kojarena for the storage and distribution of materials relating to the mining industry and add a 'Special Control Area' to preclude the establishment of sensitive uses within close proximity of the site. Specifically, to permit the use of part of the land (Lot 1422) for the 'storage and distribution of ammonium nitrate'.

Defence has reviewed the proposal and its possible impact on the Australian Defence Satellite Communications Station (ADSCS) which is located within close proximity to Lot 1422. To enable Defence to make an informed decision, additional information is required regarding Section 9.1, paragraph 6 of the amendment proposal contained in The Local Planning Scheme Amendment Kojarena Additional Use October 2013. In particular, the statement "The additional use will only apply to a relatively small part of Lot 1".

Defence appreciates that the establishment of the proposed facility would be a significant benefit in travel and delivery of the ammonium nitrate to the mining industry within the Mid-West region. As stated in our correspondence of 18 September 2012 the ADSCS is a vital critical asset for Australia's national security and hosts cooperative Australian and American capabilities which ensure the safe and effective use of military personnel and assets.

Defence remains concerned with the proposed use of part Lot 1422, noting the only access to the ADSCS is at the junction of Yanget Road and Noble Drive. An incident at the proposed facility at Lot 1422 may require the closure of the Yanget Road and Noble Drive junction and therefore would have a severe impact on the ADSCS operations.

Should you wish to discuss the content of this submission further, please contact Mr Anthony Deutschmann on (02) 6266 8275 or email or via email to [DSGIDEP.ExecutiveSupport@defence.gov.au](mailto:DSGIDEP.ExecutiveSupport@defence.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Connell,

I wish to advise that the Department of Defence(Defence) has reviewed the additional information recently provided by the proponent in relation to the abovementioned LPS amendment.

In addition to Defence's comments outlined in its previous letter to the City of Greater Geraldton dated 20 December 2013 Defence requests that in order to minimise the risk of a severe impact of the ADCS operations through the closure of the Yanget Road and Noble Drive junction from an incident relating to the proposed facility on Lot 2860 a condition be included in the No. 1 Schedule 2 - Additional Use Clause that no vehicular access to and from the additional use is to be provided from Yanget Road

Defence also requests that a condition be included in the No. 1 Schedule - Additional Use Clause that prior to Local Government endorsing a Detailed Area Plan (DAP) the Local Government shall refer it to the Department of Mines and Petroleum, Department of Environment Regulation, Department of Fire and Emergency Services, the Australian Government Department of Defence and any other agency for advice.

If you have any further queries in relation to the matter please contact me on the details below.

Regards

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