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**ADDENDUM TO SUBMISSION PDS 121/2010 - EDMONDSON PARK – PART 3A
PROPOSALS MP10_0118 AND MP10_0119**

Reference is made to your letter of 20 September 2010, the public exhibition of the environmental assessments and concept plan for the proposed Landcom development on land partly owned by Defence in south Edmondson Park and the Defence submission dated 25 October 2010 (PDS 121/2010).

Defence wishes to bring to your attention an additional matter that should be considered for inclusion in any Part 3A approvals of the Concept Plan and Stage 1 Development Application.

Some 10 years ago, in consultation with the NSW Department of Planning and to meet its requirements, Defence sponsored extensive plantings of Cumberland Plain Woodland species along the Defence boundary with the F5 freeway to provide a visual buffer. In conjunction with Campbelltown City Council and ex-service groups, the plantings were identified as a Memorial Forest to the ex-servicemen who had served at the Ingleburn Army Camp.

Members of ex-service groups, especially from World War II and the Vietnam War, together with school children from Ingleburn North Public School, took part in the planting of the Memorial Forest. Establishment of the forest was setback by the extended drought but now many of the surviving trees are growing well and can be readily observed both from within the site and the F5 freeway. More recently, Campbelltown City Council allocated funds for a plaque to mark the location of the Memorial Forest; this has not proceeded due to theft and vandalism on the site.

The Memorial Forest is recognised in the “delayed rezoning” maps of the site as Public Open Space and Private Open Space areas adjacent to the F5.

Landcom proposes to amend the Private Open Space zone to an Environmental Living Zone. Page 189 of the report “State Significant Site Study and Environmental Assessment Report - Concept Plan and State Significant Site Listing” details a commitment:

“15 - The detailed design of development in the E4 Environmental Living Zone along the South Western Freeway edge of the site will ensure that no habitable structures are established within 30 metres of the site boundary to the Freeway reservation, and will retain existing vegetation within private backyards where possible.”

While Defence has no objection to the change in the zoning of this land, it believes the Memorial Forest must be retained and enhanced to honour the intention of the ex-service groups and the local school children. Defence suggests that a condition of any approval must include a requirement on Landcom and future owners to retain and enhance the Memorial Forest along the F5 as well as the installation of appropriate signage within the Memorial Forest. The proposed 30m wide protection area would be sufficient.

The Memorial Forest in the Public Open Space identified in the plans as part of Maxwell Creek South Riparian Park and the South West Detention Basin and Park must similarly be retained and enhanced, allowing for small losses as a result of the proposed location of the detention basins.

Defence would be pleased to discuss this submission or to provide further information if required.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duncan Stewart', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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