

17th Construction Squadron Relocation Project

Information Session

6.30pm, Tuesday 10 March 2015

Metro International Hotel, South Street, Ipswich

17th Construction Squadron (Army) is a sub-unit of 6th Engineer Support Regiment, which provides construction and military engineering support to the wider Australian Defence Force (ADF). The Squadron's Regimental Headquarters (6 ESR) is located at RAAF Base Amberley, Queensland. 17th Construction Squadron is currently located at Holsworthy Barracks, Sydney in temporary facilities following its relocation as a result of the Moorebank Units Relocation Project. This project will see the collocation of the squadron with its regimental headquarters.

RAAF Base Amberley is one of the largest Defence facilities in Australia, basing RAAF's C17 strategic airlift fleet, Army's 9th Force Support Battalion (9 FSB) and Joint Logistics Command (JLC) South Queensland. Collocating 17th Construction Squadron with its parent unit, 6 ESR, at RAAF Base Amberley will enable significant improvements in ADF operational effectiveness. Improvements include timeliness, efficiency and cost-effectiveness of numerous domestic and regional deployments involving substantial road and air movement, as well as high logistics support dependencies.

17th Construction Squadron requires the following facilities to enable the squadron to operate at its intended level:

- a. squadron headquarter office facilities
- b. resource, construction and plant troop facilities (including offices and troop workshops)
- c. vehicle and equipment shelters and
- d. car parking and deployment areas.

To ensure the effective operation of the combined Operational Support Squadron, additional facilities are required and will be included in the project. These include:

- a. squadron headquarter office facilities
- b. internal modifications to the existing 21 Construction Squadron 'B' vehicle workshop (to become the centralised OSS 'B' vehicle workshop supporting the entire unit)
- c. a new 'C' vehicle and plant workshop and
- d. expanded Quartermaster Store (extension to the existing 21 Construction Squadron Q-Store to become the centralised OSS Quartermaster Store supporting the entire unit).

This project is subject to Parliamentary Approval. Construction is anticipated to commence in September 2015 and finish in late 2016/early 2017.

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