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Ms Emmilia Johnstone
Development Assessment and Compliance
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Dear Ms Johnstone,

**RE: DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 16-2019-284-1 AT LOT 1 DP 1215257 (NO. 795)
MEDOWIE ROAD, MEDOWIE NSW**

The Department of Defence (Defence) would like to thank Port Stephens Council (Council) for referring this matter to Defence for comment. Defence understands that the proposal is for the construction of a two (2) storey office premises, signage, car parking, landscaping, fencing and associated site works on the subject site.

Aircraft Noise

Defence acknowledges the subject site is outside of the 2025 Australian Noise Exposure Forecast for RAAF Base Williamtown. However, it is likely the subject site will experience some level of aircraft noise. While Defence is conscious of the noise generated by its activities and makes every effort to minimise community aircraft noise exposure, Defence cannot readily modify its activities due to the establishment or intensification of noise-sensitive developments in close proximity to RAAF Base Williamtown. Defence's requirements to conduct a broad range of flying scenarios, both day and night, means current noise mitigation measures may require adaption to meet future training requirements. Defence will not accept any liability based on aircraft noise.

Bird Strike

The subject site is located in an area mapped by Defence as "Bird strike Group B". In this area, certain land uses that have the potential to attract wildlife should be avoided as they will potentially increase the risk for bird strike.

Organic waste and/or storage of commercial bins associated with the proposed development might be attractive to vermin and/or birds and will potentially increase the risk of bird strike for aircraft operating from RAAF Base Williamtown. Defence requests that an appropriate condition for the management of organic waste (such as maximum storage onsite and the use of covered/enclosed bins) be included in any approval.

Should you wish to discuss the content of this advice further, my point of contact is Mr Greg Ahrens at land.planning@defence.gov.au or by telephone on (08) 7383 0420.

Yours sincerely

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