

Dear Resident

Update on upgrades program

As you would be aware Defence Housing Australia (DHA) is planning to undertake an upgrade program of all houses in Seaward Village. As discussions have progressed with the Department of Defence on how to fund these upgrades, it has become evident that due to the cost of the project and the fact that Defence will be contributing to the cost of the upgrade work, the project will need to be considered by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC). While DHA is exempt from requiring PWC scrutiny, the Department of Defence is not.

What does this mean?

Essentially, it means that the project will now be considered by elected members of the Federal Parliament for its financial viability as well as any environmental, social and/ or community impacts. It also means that there will now likely be delays to the previously communicated project timeline as no upgrade work can commence without the approval of the parliament. The scoping work currently being undertaken will be part of the DHA and Defence submission for consideration by the PWC.

Next steps

DHA and Defence representatives will host further information sessions early next year to update residents on the project. It will also be an opportunity to outline the new expected timeframes and the PWC process as soon as this information is available. Residents will be advised of the details of the information sessions by direct mail.

If you have any concerns about your current housing arrangements, please contact us on 139 342.

Regards

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