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Dear Mr Emerson *Craig*

Thank you for your letter of 21 May 2007 to the Minister for Defence, the Hon Dr Brendan Nelson MP, regarding speculation surrounding the potential disposal and development of land at the Greenbank Training Area. As this matter falls within my portfolio responsibilities, your correspondence has been passed to me for response.

The Greenbank Training Area is a key asset in support of Defence capability and Defence has an ongoing requirement for this training area. Defence personnel numbers in South East Queensland are expected to increase as part of planned enhancements to the Australian Defence Force. This will create additional requirements for access to existing training areas and ranges including the training area at Greenbank.

There is therefore no intention to dispose of any part of the Greenbank Training Area at this stage.

I hope this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Lindsay".

Peter Lindsay