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Opening of \$620 million Horseshoe Barracks at RAAF Base Edinburgh

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator David Feeney, today officially opened Horseshoe Barracks and common user facilities with the Chief of Army, Lieutenant General David Morrison, at Headquarters 1st Brigade, RAAF Base Edinburgh, South Australia.

The facilities, costing some \$620 million, include working Australian Defence Force accommodation, training facilities, a combined mess, fitness, health and community facilities.

Senator Feeney said that the project, delivered by the Defence Infrastructure Division, was completed on time and within budget.

“7RAR commenced the move from Darwin to Adelaide in January 2011,” Senator Feeney said.

“The facilities are among the best in Australia. They provide Army with state-of-the-art working accommodation, training facilities and a driver training area.”

Local Member for Wakefield, Nick Champion said: “The expansion of RAAF Base Edinburgh has provided more than \$620 million in construction contracts.

“This has provided an annual boost of more than \$75 million to the South Australian community,” Mr Champion said.

The project has improved base engineering services at Edinburgh. This included substantial upgrades to electrical, water, sewage, storm water, gas, communications, security and transport infrastructure.

Chief of Army, Lieutenant General David Morrison welcomed 7RAR’s relocation to South Australia, saying the move greatly enhanced Army’s training ability.

“The raising of 7RAR and its relocation to Adelaide improves Australia’s security through the development of a stronger, more versatile Army,” Lieutenant General Morrison said.

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