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Dear Mr Scott

**RE : DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION HELIPAD (DA21/15298) 100 OLD
CASTLEREAGH ROAD CASTLEREAGH NSW, 2749**

Thank you for referring the above development application for a helicopter landing site (HLS) to the Department of Defence (Defence) for comment. The proposed HLS will be located at 89-151 Old Castlereagh Road, Castlereagh. The subject site is around 15km South South-West of RAAF Base Richmond and is in close proximity to the southern boundary of the Richmond Control Zone (R470).

The proposal accommodates the relocation of Sydney Helicopters operations that has been disrupted by the resumption of its current site at Granville for the Sydney Metro Project. The proposed development involves construction and operation of a helipad with a maximum of 25 aircraft movements per day between the hours of 5:30am and 10:00pm daily, and outside these hours when undertaking emergency works. The planned helicopter departure/arrival flightpaths are approximately parallel (east-west) and remain south of the R470 boundary.

Defence has no objection to the proposed HLS from a base aviation safety perspective and Air Traffic Control (ATC) at RAAF Base Richmond are prepared to accommodate flight operations from the HLS. Defence does request however, that flying programs are regularly emailed to RIC.ATC@defence.gov.au to reduce delays and allow ATC to populate flight plans and flight progress strips. It would also be helpful when the helipad is established for the pilots to visit ATC for a local procedures brief and meet and greet.

Defence also advises that if the development is approved, helicopter pilots should be made of the potential for helicopter operations to be affected by wake turbulence generated from from low flying military aircraft (C130J) conducting airdrop operations in the Londonderry drop zone which is contained within the southern portion of R470.

Should you wish to discuss the content of this advice further, my point of contact is Timothy Hogan at land.planning@defence.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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