

Invitation for Public Comment

Removal of the Hammerhead Crane from Garden Island, Sydney (EPBC No. 2012/6430)

This notice is published pursuant to Section 95A of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

The Department of Defence is proposing to remove the Hammerhead Crane from the Garden Island Naval Base in Sydney, NSW. The crane ceased operating in 1996 and its size, location and deteriorating condition is restricting Royal Australian Navy operations. The deteriorating condition of the crane presents a range of ongoing costs to the Commonwealth and is an increasing risk to the work health and safety of Defence personnel and contractors.

The proposal is a controlled action under the EPBC Act and will be assessed through a preliminary documentation process. The relevant controlling provision under Part 3 of the EPBC Act is Section 28 (protection of the environment from Commonwealth actions).

A Preliminary Documentation Report that describes the proposal and its predicted environmental and heritage impacts is available for public comment for 20 business days from Monday 21 January 2013 to Monday 18 February 2013. The report can be downloaded from (<http://www.gml.com.au/hammerhead-crane-public-consultation>) or viewed at the following locations:

- Customs House Library, 31 Alfred Street, Circular Quay, NSW
- The State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW
- The library of the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities at John Gorton Building, King Edward Terrace, Parkes, ACT.

Godden Mackay Logan Pty Ltd (GML) has been engaged by Defence to conduct the public consultation process.

Written comments can be submitted via:

Website:	http://www.gml.com.au/hammerhead-crane-public-consultation
Email:	hammerheadcrane@gml.com.au
Post:	Hammerhead Crane Removal Project c/- Godden Mackay Logan 78 George Street REDFERN NSW 2016

Submissions must be received no later than 5:30pm AEDST on Monday 18 February 2013. Comments received after this time will not be accepted.

Persons with special needs (i.e. for whom English is a second language or who have vision impairment) may contact GML on (02) 9319 4811 or hammerheadcrane@gml.com.au to arrange assistance in accessing the material.