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## **UP TO 500 NEW HOMES TO BE BUILT FOR DEFENCE MEMBERS**

Peter Lindsay, Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister for Defence, today announced an agreement between Defence Housing Australia (DHA) and the South Australian Land Management Corporation (LMC).

The two organisations have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which will facilitate the provision of sufficient land for the construction of up to 500 Defence homes in the northern suburbs of Adelaide.

Mr Lindsay said that DHA will spend an estimated \$150 million on houses, and land purchased through the MOU, over the next five years. DHA will contract with local builders for the development of the homes. The houses will be allocated to defence personnel, including those Australian Defence Force (ADF) members relocating to Adelaide with the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment.

“Defence members and their families will be offered accommodation within a 30km radius of the RAAF Base Edinburgh in suburbs which are close to schools, hospitals and shops.

“The agreement with the Land Management Corporation provides DHA with the opportunity to build homes at Andrews Farm, Blakeview, Evanston South and Evanston Gardens, to be completed by 2010”, Mr Lindsay said.

South Australian Housing Minister Jay Weatherill said the MOU would bring about further growth and more infrastructure development for Adelaide’s already booming economy and its northern communities.

“South Australia is fast becoming the capital of Australia’s defence industry, with significant levels of capital expenditure occurring in South Australia for naval, aerospace, army and electronics programs”, Mr Weatherill said.

“South Australia continues to take a leading role in establishing an efficient and sustainable industrial base to service the needs of the Australian Defence Force. The expansion of Edinburgh Parks and its two sister sites Technology Park and Techport Australia, also major centres for defence activity, will enable us to do this even better”.

DHA will work closely with the LMC, the South Australian Government, the Cities of Salisbury and Playford and the Town of Gawler, along with private sector developers and contractors, to plan and build the new homes.

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