

# Businesses support Borneo Barracks

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TOOWOOMBA'S business community yesterday rallied behind the fight to save Borneo Barracks.

About 120 people were at Picnic Point to hear Highfields developer Mac Stirling present the case to save the Cabarlah barracks at a Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce and Industry business breakfast.

Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland regional manager Barry Byrne said the breakfast provided the united front needed to keep the barracks in Cabarlah.

"It's a collective voice, as opposed to going it alone or as an independent business or person," he said.

The Department of Defence announced in 2006 it was considering relocating the Cabarlah barracks to Adelaide, a move expected to cost the local economy more than \$105 million.

As yet no decision has been made on the fate of the site, home of the 7th Signal Regiment.

Ivan Walls, of Alpine Refrigeration, who attended the breakfast, said while the closure was not imminent, the threat to local businesses was very real.

"It's not only the number of people directly involved working at Cabarlah, it's the infrastructure, particularly at Highfields, that the barracks support," he said.

"The base has a positive effect on the community, not only in Highfields, but Toowoomba as well."



The fight to save Borneo Barracks came to the Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce and Industry business breakfast yesterday.

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