

Barracks case goes before Parliament committee

Cr Bill Cahill and Mac Stirling, managing director of developers Lauder Pty Ltd, appeared before the Federal Parliament Standing Committee of Petitions at Parliament House, Brisbane, to present the case retaining for Borneo Barracks.

Cr Cahill and Mr Stirling responded to questions on the petition signed by more than 1500 people against the possible relocation of the Cabarlah army base to Adelaide.

Cr Cahill said the relocation of the Cabarlah base could cause housing problems for around 800 people in the area. "Toowoomba is one of Australia's major cities and the base is an anchor in frastructure. It's important for the base to remain," he said.

Mr Stirling said: "We got a very good hearing from the committee and were able to point out the huge economic and social displacement the closure of Borneo Barracks would mean for the people of Highfields and Toowoomba at large."