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**From:** Laurie Koster  
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**To:** State Development  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry into the Defence industry in NSW - Transcript and questions on notice 4 April 2018

Dear Lauren,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transcript and I have no corrections to be addressed.

There is one Question on Notice that was recorded for me to address:

The Hon. PAUL GREEN: That is right. Mr Koster, I note in your submission that you talk about the Shoalhaven and the industry group down there. You say that you need to evaluate ways to enhance the presence of naval weapons ranges in Jervis Bay. Do you want to comment on what you mean by that?

Mr KOSTER: Within the Defence white paper there is a call for the Australian Defence Force to have an anti ship missile capability. Beecroft weapons range is the perfect location. I could imagine that the army may prefer it up north, where the majority of troops are, but—

The Hon. PAUL GREEN: In the north of New South Wales or does "north" mean in Queensland?

Mr KOSTER: Queensland. We could see that having it at Beecroft would be the ideal location. It is the east coast training centre. Weapons could be stored at HMAS Albatross and it could be supported by local infrastructure and local companies.

The Hon. PAUL GREEN: Do you know whether, in New South Wales, the ministry under Minister Blair is doing anything to assist in trying to secure it in that area?

Mr KOSTER: I am not aware; no. I might put that as a question on notice.

Answer: I remain unclear as to any direction the NSW Government may have been / are considering and unaware of any additional information relating to the topic.

Yours faithfully,

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