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Travel to Headquarters, Joint Operations Command, Bungendore

DFWA welcomes the announcement of eventual improvements to the Kings Highway between Queanbeyan and the new Headquarters, Joint Operations Command near Bungendore. That might improve safety in the long run but it does little to resolve general transport issues for ADF personnel posted there.

Unless regular, 24x7 ADF bus transport is provided between Canberra and HQJOC, ADF personnel will need to travel by private car. That will mean that married personnel with families in Canberra or Queanbeyan must have a second car. In any case, bus transport is generally safer than private car travel.

The National President of DFWA, David Jamison, said that the problem has been caused by the previous Government's decision to locate the Headquarters in a remote locality to try to secure what was then a marginal seat. The additional costs needed to implement that decision should be borne by the Government, not by its service personnel.

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