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Dear Shane,

I understand that the next meeting of the Defence Reserves Support Council in Brisbane in October will be your last as Chairman of the DRSC, and I write to personally thank you for your leadership in this important post, and for your strong support for the Reserve Forces of the ADF.

I will be completing my tour of duty as Director-General Reserves - Air Force at the end of this year, and this DRSC meeting would have been my last in the five years I have been privileged to serve as the champion for the use of the reserves in Air Force. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this meeting as I will be travelling overseas to attend the 14th International Air Reserves Symposium in Berlin at this time.

I have seen the DRSC change for the better in your time at the helm, and am firmly of the belief that the DRSC plays a very important role in building better understanding of the needs and capabilities of reserve service within the Australian Defence Force. That role is better understood now both within and without the ADF, and although much progress has been made, much is yet to be done to ensure that our reserve forces are properly folded into the processes of force structure, and that reservists at the individual level are properly trained, prepared and remunerated for the increasing reliance we are placing upon them. I have been proud to have been part of the awakening use of reserves over the past five years, and consider that my job has been made easier by the work that the DRSC is doing on our behalf.

I personally thank you for your commitment as a reservist, and as our Chairman.

Best Wishes,

P.J. McDERMOTT
Air Commodore
Director-General Reserves - Air Force

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