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To Sappers past and present,

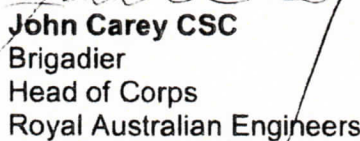
I am writing to introduce myself as the new Head of Corps, RAE, an appointment that both my wife Aly and I see as an honour and distinct privilege. I particularly want to thank Brigadier David Wainwright – an awesome combat-hardened, seasoned professional and wonderful friend – and his wife Kate for their great service to Army. On behalf of the entire Corps, we wish the Wainwrights all the very best for retirement. I also acknowledge, honour and thank each of my predecessors in this job – remarkable leaders whose tremendous vision, work and shoulders continue to carry us today and into the future.

I would equally like to express my thanks to the wider RAE Regimental family that extends from associations, regional committees, through to every unit and support group. Your commitment to our Sappers home and abroad is something that has always been highly impressive and your support to families has been second to none. Similarly, our Corps has a rich heritage and I am keen to continue to see this flourish. I look forward to working with you again on these continued endeavours.

The Chief of Army's priority is ensuring the Australian Army is ready now and future ready. We are an Army in Motion. As Sappers, being ready now means being prepared, trained, educated, equipped and organised for full spectrum operations. Being future ready requires continuous modernisation, adaption and transformation when necessary against emerging threats, geopolitical challenges and advances in technology. As Head of Corps, I am keen to work with each of you in a supporting role in the pursuit of building Sapper excellence.

Lastly, our young leaders must be inspired to continue to serve in our Corps. I ask that you assist me with this task. I am passionate on giving them a louder voice and getting their advice and counsel. I welcome and encourage all ranks to provide direct feedback to me and my staff that will help improve our RAE and Army. In the coming months I look forward to meeting you, attending Corps Conference in June, and collectively embracing issues that will help shape and posture our Corps for the future.

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