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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

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Chair: Ms Janelle Saffin MP

Public hearing scheduled for proposed Defence housing development planned for Weston Creek in Canberra

Representatives of Defence Housing Australia will appear before the Public Works Committee on Monday 9 July 2012 for the inquiry into the proposed development of housing for Defence at Weston Creek in the ACT.

The proposed housing development would provide necessary housing for families of Defence personnel working in the ACT. The development will provide 50 dwellings at Weston Creek which will reduce the number of Defence personnel on rental assistance. The total cost of the project is approximately \$39 million. This cost would be recovered through sale of individual lots to the general market and the sale of DHA constructed housing through its Sale and Lease Back program.

Full details on Defence Housing Australia's proposal are available on the Committee's website: <u>www.aph.gov.au/pwc</u>

Representatives from Defence Housing Australia and their consultants will give evidence at the hearing.

Hearing Venue:Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, CanberraDate:Monday, 9 July 2012Time:10.30am to 11.30am—Defence Housing Australia (Submission 1)

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

NB the Public Works Committee is neither involved in the tendering process nor the awarding of contracts. Enquiries on those matters should be addressed to Defence Housing Australia.

For interview: Contact the Chair's media advisor, Lee Duncan on 0448 158 150.

For further information, including how to make a submission, the public hearing times, and copies of submissions when they become available, please visit the Committee website <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc</u> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.