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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Ms Kirsten Livermore MP

Public hearing into new war memorial galleries

The Public Works Committee is holding a public hearing for its inquiry into the proposed redevelopment of the First World War Galleries at the Australian War Memorial (AWM).

The AWM's proposal to redevelop the galleries responds to the Australian Government's ANZAC Centenary Program 2014-2018. Approximately \$83.5 million has been committed to this program over seven years. The galleries redevelopment is a key part of the program's commemorative events and initiatives.

The First World War galleries have not undergone any significant redevelopment since the 1970s. They represent one of the last remaining areas to be redeveloped as part of a process of major gallery renewal which began in 1995 with the establishment of the AWM's Gallery Master Plan. The exhibitions have been retained long beyond their useful lifespan.

The estimated cost of the project is \$32.52 million. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of 2014.

Full details on the proposal are available on the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Hearing Venue: Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House, Canberra
Date: Friday, 15 February 2013
Time: 10.30am to 11.30am

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 the Australian War Memorial.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office on (07) 4922 6604.

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 <http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.