

Introduction

- 1.1 This report is intended to inform the Parliament of a proposed public work that was referred to the Committee in 2000 but which was subsequently withdrawn by the proponent organisation, the Department of Defence.
- 1.2 In preparing the report, the Committee has been mindful of its functions as contained in section 17 of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*. Section 17 (1) states:
- (1) The Committee shall, as expeditiously as is practicable:
 - (a) consider each public work that is referred to it in accordance with this Act; and
 - (b) make a report to both Houses of the Parliament concerning the expedience of carrying out the work and concerning any other matters related to the work in respect of which the Committee thinks it desirable that the views of the Committee should be reported to the Houses;
- and, for those purposes, shall do such things and make such inquiries as it thinks necessary.
- 1.3 Chapter 2 presents details of the Committee's Inquiry up until the Committee was advised the proposed work had been withdrawn. The Chapter also provides details of information relating to the decision to withdraw the proposed work. Chapter 3 presents the Committee's conclusion.