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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Ms Kirsten Livermore MP

Public hearing scheduled for new building for National Archives of Australia

Representatives of National Archives of Australia (NAA) and the Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoFD) will appear before the Public Works Committee on Friday, 15 February 2013 for the inquiry into the proposed new National Archives Preservation Facility (NAPF) for the National Archives of Australia at Mitchell, ACT.

NAA's existing storage facilities will be filled to capacity by 2015. The new NAPF will provide increased storage capacity for archives from Australian Government agencies. This will enable NAA to fulfil its legislative responsibility to properly maintain these archives.

The Committee conducted two public hearings, on Monday, 9 July 2012, and Friday, 2 November 2012. The Committee's report recognised the need for the project but was not convinced that the works provide value for money for the Commonwealth.

The Committee agreed to NAA's request for an additional hearing to fully explain the model proposed for the delivery of the project. A further report will be made to the Parliament.

Full details on the NAA's proposal and previous public hearing transcripts 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: 12.15pm to 1.15pm

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 National Archives of Australia.

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.