



Inquiry into proposed HMAS *Stirling* Redevelopment Stage 3A Garden Island, Western Australia

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into proposed redevelopment works for HMAS *Stirling*, the Royal Australian Navy's primary operational support base on the west coast of Australia.

Most of the infrastructure and facilities at HMAS *Stirling* is approaching 40 years of age. This, coupled with exposure to a coastal environment, has rendered several areas in need of upgrade and repair.

The Department of Defence told the Committee that the base's deterioration is compromising services and operational effectiveness. The proposed works will include base engineering and communications systems, remediating a number of maritime structures, reconstructing surrounding roads and refurbishing and extending various buildings.

The works are expected to be completed in early 2020. The estimated cost of the project is \$366.8 million (excluding GST).

The Committee Chair, Senator Dean Smith, said the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in October 2015.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on 24 September 2015.

Full details of the public hearing will be available soon.

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 Department of Defence.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office on (08) 9481 0349.

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.