



PARLIAMENT of AUSTRALIA

MEDIA RELEASE

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

New inquiry

Issue date: 31 March 2017

Inquiry into the HMAS Moreton Unit Relocation Project launched

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works yesterday launched an inquiry into the Department of Defence's proposed HMAS *Moreton* unit relocation project.

HMAS *Moreton*, located at Bulimba Barracks in southeast Queensland, is responsible for coordination and administration of all Royal Australian Navy (RAN) activities in Queensland south of Rockhampton. Following the relocation of the Joint Logistics Unit – South Queensland from Bulimba Barracks to RAAF Base Amberley, the Department of Defence proposes to construct new facilities in order to ensure that HMAS *Moreton* remains capable of supporting its coordination and administrative functions for the RAN. The proposed works include the demolition of existing facilities, and the construction of a new gatehouse, multi-user facility, transit accommodation, storage shelters and training shelters, as well as enhancement of the existing boat ramp.

The estimated cost of the project is \$15.6 million, excluding GST. It is anticipated that the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in May 2017.

The Committee would like to hear from all individuals or organisations interested in the inquiry. Submissions will be accepted until 27 April 2017.

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

Media enquiries:

Office of the Chair, Mr Scott Buchholz MP (Greg Birkbeck): 0427 421 132

For background:

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

(02) 6277 4636, pwc@aph.gov.au, www.aph.gov.au/pwc