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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

New inquiry

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Defence to remediate Woomera Range facilities

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works today announced that it is conducting an inquiry into the Department of Defence's proposed remediation of test and evaluation facilities at RAAF Base Woomera in South Australia.

Established in 1947, the Woomera Range Complex was established as a research and experimentation facility for rocket-propelled weapons. It now provides the Australian Defence Force and its international partners with a controlled environment for the conduct of complex testing, research and experimentation on aerospace platforms and weapons systems.

The proposed Woomera Range remediation project will provide fit for purpose facilities and infrastructure to support new systems installation. Proposed elements include a new Range Control Centre, a new Communications Interface Building, a maintenance and storage facility, seventeen new instrumentation and communications sites, three new target sites, fibre optic cable connections, and roads upgrades.

The estimated cost of the project is \$48.6 million and it is anticipated that the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry early in 2017.

Further information on how to make submission is available on the [Committee's website](#). Details of the public hearing will be made available soon.

Submissions to the inquiry close on 13 January 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.

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