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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Mrs Karen Andrews MP

Inquiry into development and construction of housing for Defence at RAAF Base Darwin, NT

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the development and construction of housing for Defence at RAAF Base Darwin, NT.

Defence Housing Australia proposes to provide 80 modern community standard tropical dwellings in a new on-base housing precinct, to provide bulk housing that meets the housing entitlements of junior Defence members. The project will also address current substandard infrastructure.

Subject to Parliamentary approval, the civil construction contract is expected to begin in October 2014, with the dwelling construction contract to commence in July 2015. The dwellings are expected to be delivered by November 2016.

The estimated cost of the project is \$53.36 million.

The Committee's Chair, Karen Andrews MP, said the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in Darwin in August 2014.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on Thursday, 10 July 2014.

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 Defence Housing Australia or the Department of Defence.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office on (07) 5580 9111.

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.