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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

New inquiry

Inquiry into IP Australia's Accommodation Project

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works yesterday announced that it is inquiring into a proposal from IP Australia to refresh its office accommodation at Discovery House in Woden, Australian Capital Territory.

The proposed works include:

- Relocation of the café and multipurpose amenities room;
- Fitout of a new childcare centre for up to 60 children;
- Reconfiguration of existing conference facilities and hearing rooms;
- Construction of a new health and well-being room; and
- A flexible fit-out improvement to the existing office tenancy.

Additionally, IP Australia proposes to undertake a range of base building works including upgrades to the lobby area; bathroom upgrades across the whole building; elevator upgrades; upgrades to the mechanical services; works to ensure compliance with disability access standards; the installation of energy efficient lighting; and refitting of all floors with new ceiling tiles, air conditioning diffusers and carpets.

Works are expected to begin in early 2018 and be completed by late 2019. The estimated cost of the project is \$39.7 million.

It is anticipated that the Committee will conduct public and *in-camera* hearings for the inquiry in August. Further information on the public hearing will be available soon.

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

The Committee would like to hear from all individuals or organisations interested in the inquiry.

Submissions will be accepted until 27 July 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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