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## MEDIA RELEASE

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

New inquiry

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## Inquiry into JP2008 Phase 5B2 Satellite Ground Station Facilities

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works yesterday announced that it is conducting an inquiry into a proposal from the Department of Defence to construct a satellite ground station in the Kapooka Military Area in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales.

Joint Project 2008 (JP2008) is a multi-phased project intended to provide the Australian Defence Force with strategic and tactical satellite communication capabilities. Phase 5B2 proposes to construct a Satellite Ground Station on the east coast of Australia to provide for anchoring of the Wideband Global Satellites.

The project proposes to construct satellite dish foundation infrastructure including concrete pads and service connections; a transmission building including workstations; supporting infrastructure such as roads, fencing and vehicular access; as well as a Defence Terrestrial Communications Network infrastructure and a range of base utilities.

Works are expected to begin in early 2018 and be completed by late 2018. The estimated cost of the project is \$33.9 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](http://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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