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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Senator Dean Smith

## Public hearing for inquiry into the proposed Campbell Barracks redevelopment

The Public Works Committee is conducting a public hearing for the inquiry into the proposed Campbell Barracks redevelopment in Swanbourne, Western Australia.

The Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) has grown substantially since it began in 1957. The increase in its operational and specialist training requirements has rendered the existing Campbell Barracks facilities and infrastructure inadequate.

The Department of Defence told the Committee that the redevelopment project will address problems associated with aging and obsolete working accommodation, a dysfunctional layout and inadequate storage and infrastructure.

Defence proposes to construct new and reuse existing facilities, where possible. In addition to creating new operations and entry precincts, the works will refurbish the training and recovery centre, extend various infrastructure systems and consolidate operation support units.

The estimated cost of the redevelopment project is \$223.6 million (excluding GST).

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

Public Hearing Venue: Rendezvous Hotel Perth, Scarborough, Western Australia

Date: Thursday, 6 August 2015

Time: 2.00 - 3.30 pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

**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 the Department of Defence.

For interview: Contact the office of Senator Dean Smith, Chair, on (08) 9481 0349.

**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 <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc">http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc</a> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.

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