



Inquiry into CSIRO Clayton Property Strategy, Victoria

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the CSIRO Clayton Property Strategy, Victoria.

The CSIRO proposes to relocate its staff and research from Highett Melbourne to its Clayton Site adjacent to Monash University. The project includes the refurbishment and fit-out of some existing facilities at Clayton and North Clayton; the relocation of staff and specialist science equipment; and the construction of the Factories of the Future Innovation (FoFi) Centre at Clayton. This will consolidate CSIRO's support facilities and research capability and reduce CSIRO's building footprint and reduce overall building operation, management and maintenance costs.

Construction is scheduled to commence in June 2014. It is scheduled to be completed by September 2015 for the Highett Relocation component of the project, and by December 2015 for the FoFi component. Staff are expected to be relocated by December 2015.

The estimated cost of the project is \$32 million.

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

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on Friday, 24 January 2014.

Full details of the public hearing will be announced soon.

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 CSIRO.

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.