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## MEDIA RELEASE

**Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works**

New inquiry

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## **Defence JP500 Phase 2 – Electronic Warfare Operational Support**

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works today announced that it is conducting an inquiry into the provision of facilities to support Australia's electronic warfare capabilities by the Department of Defence.

The Joint Project 500 (JP500) is a multi-phase project that aims to develop Australia's electronic warfare capabilities in the land and maritime environments.

The objective of the JP500 Phase 2 project is to provide fit for purpose facilities and infrastructure that is capable of supporting the new systems installation for current and emerging electronic warfare detection and countermeasure technologies. A new building within the Edinburgh Defence precinct in South Australia will house laboratories, workshops, simulation equipment, testing support systems, office space and staff amenities.

The estimated cost of the project is \$24.9 million and it is anticipated that the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry early in 2017.

Further information on how to make submission is available on the [Committee's website](#). Details of the public hearing will be made available soon.

**Submissions to the inquiry close on 13 January 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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