



Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Public hearing into proposed 17th Construction Squadron Relocation Infrastructure Project

The Public Works Committee is conducting a public hearing into the proposed 17th Construction Squadron Relocation Infrastructure Project at RAAF Base Amberley, Queensland.

In June 2010, the Chief of Army directed the co-location of 17th Construction Squadron with its parent unit, HQ 6th Engineer Support Regiment (6 ESR) and its sister unit, 21st Construction Squadron at RAAF Base Amberley. To achieve co-location, 17th Construction Squadron will relocate from Holsworthy Barracks in NSW to RAAF Base Amberley in Queensland.

The Project being considered by the Public Works Committee proposes to provide both purpose built and adaptively reused facilities for 17th Construction Squadron.

The Department of Defence has told the Public Works Committee that the relocation of 17th Construction Squadron to RAAF Base Amberley will provide opportunities to enhance the command and control of engineer units in South East Queensland and to improve the overall operational and training effectiveness of 6 ESR. Defence will gain unit-wide efficiencies through the implementation and provision of a mature operational support 'shared services' model.

Construction on the new facilities and adaptively reused facilities is expected to commence in mid-2015 and be completed by late-2016. The estimated cost of the project is \$71.8 million, excluding GST.

Public Hearing Venue: Metro Hotel Ipswich International
43 South Street, Ipswich Qld 4305
Date: Wednesday, 20 May 2015
Time: 1.00pm to 2.00pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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

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 the public hearing times, and copies of relevant submissions, please visit the Committee website <http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.