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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

New inquiry

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Defence LAND 17 Phase 1B/1C Infrastructure Project

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works today announced that it is conducting an inquiry into the provision of facilities to support the acquisition of a range of new artillery and associated equipment by the Department of Defence.

The LAND 17 project proposes to provide new and upgraded facilities to support the introduction of new artillery systems and provide facilities suited to the Australian Defence Force's (ADF) resulting organisational changes. The proposed works would be undertaken at eight Defence sites across Australia, including Gallipoli and Lavarack Barracks in Queensland, Robertson Barracks in the Northern Territory, Puckapunyal in Victoria, Port Wakefield in South Australia, Campbell Barracks in Western Australia, and Holsworthy and RAAF Base Williamstown in New South Wales.

Phase 1B/C is intended to provide the Australian Defence Force with vehicle shelters, maintenance facilities, and simulation systems to support the introduction of the ADF's new M777A2 Lightweight Howitzer combat support capability. It is expected that work will be completed by April 2018.

The estimated cost of the project is \$57 million and it is anticipated that the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in the near future.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on 18 November 2016.

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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