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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Senator Dean Smith

Inquiry into the 17th Construction Squadron Relocation Infrastructure Project RAAF Base Amberley, Queensland

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed relocation of the 17th Construction Squadron at RAAF Base Amberley in Queensland.

The Department of Defence told the Committee co-locating the 17th Construction Squadron with relevant units and relocating it to Amberley will enhance the command and control of engineer units in South East Queensland.

In addition to constructing new purpose built facilities for the 17th Construction Squadron, the project is also proposing to provide facilities to accommodate the Operational Support Squadron, thereby achieving shared operational support services.

The estimated cost of the relocation projects is \$71.8 million.

The Committee Chair, Senator Dean Smith, said the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in May 2015.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on 24 April 2015.

Full details of the public hearing will be available 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 the Department of Defence.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office 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 <http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.