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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

New inquiry

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Housing upgrades at Seaward Village by Defence Housing Australia

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works today announced that it is conducting an inquiry into the refurbishment of Seaward Village in Perth by Defence Housing Australia and the Department of Defence.

The project proposes to upgrade housing facilities at Seaward village, following the government's acceptance of the recommendations made in a comprehensive review of long term housing options for personnel at Campbell Barracks conducted by Lieutenant General (Retired) Mark Evans AO, DSC. Upgrades are proposed for 153 houses at Seaward Village, ranging from major upgrades with extensions through to the demolition and rebuilding of up to ten houses.

The estimated cost of the project is \$48 million and it is anticipated that the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in the near future.

It is anticipated that the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry early in 2017. Further information on the public hearing will be available soon.

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

The Committee would like to hear from all individuals or organisations interested in the inquiry.

Submissions to the inquiry close on 19 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 Defence Housing Australia.

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