



Inquiry into Defence housing development in Enoggera, Queensland

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed redevelopment and construction of housing for Defence at Samford Road, Enoggera, Queensland.

The proposed development would provide necessary housing for families of Defence personnel working at Gallipoli Barracks at Enoggera. The objective of the project is to demolish the existing seven out-dated townhouses that do not meet Defence requirements and construct seven new townhouses and 48 apartments that will be occupied by Defence personnel and their families. The site is adjacent to Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera and opposite the Gaythorne Railway Station.

Works are expected to commence in late 2013 with the project to be completed by December 2015. The estimated cost of the project is \$24.6 million. The cost will be recovered through the sale of individual lots and the sale of DHA constructed housing through its Sale and Lease back program.

The Committee's Chair, Kirsten Livermore MP, said the Committee will conduct an inspection at Samford Rd, Enoggera and will conduct public and in-camera hearings on 12 June 2013.

"This project provides an opportunity for DHA to redevelop a property to achieve two objectives: greater housing choice and a reduction in reliance on rental assistance. Creating 55 modern and comfortable dwellings on the site is an efficient use of such an important location adjacent to the barracks," Ms Livermore said.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on Thursday, 6 June 2013.

Full details of the public hearing will be announced 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 Defence Housing Australia.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office on (07) 4922 6604.

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.