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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

**Chair: Ms Kirsten Livermore MP**

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## **Inquiry into Defence housing development in Warner, Queensland**

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed development and construction of housing for Defence at Warner in the northern suburbs of Brisbane.

The proposed development would provide necessary housing for families of Defence personnel working at Gallipoli Barracks at Enoggera.

DHA proposes to develop approximately 465 allotments for the provision of developed land and housing in Warner to assist in satisfying future housing demand for Defence personnel. DHA intends to construct houses for Defence families on 130 lots. The remaining 335 residential lots, and potentially the 2.1 hectare super lot, will be sold to the general market.

Works are expected to commence in late 2013 with the project complete by December 2016. The estimated cost of the project is \$91.3 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 Warner and will conduct public and in-camera hearings on 12 June 2013.

"This proposal will help DHA to provide new housing over the next five years for families of Defence personnel working in the Brisbane area. This is vital considering the expansion at Gallipoli Barracks, where the number of personnel is expected to rise to about 5,600. The development at Warner will provide a substantial number of dwellings, which will reduce the number of Defence personnel on rental assistance," Ms Livermore said.

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