

Introduction

Referral of Work

- 1.1 On 24 May 2001, the Hon Peter Slipper, MP, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration, referred the proposal for the redevelopment of the Defence Intelligence Training Centre at Canungra, Queensland, to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report to Parliament, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*.¹

Conduct of the Inquiry

- 1.2 The Committee sought submissions by advertising the Inquiry in the *Gold Coast Bulletin* on Wednesday 30 May 2001. The Committee also sought submissions from organisations and individuals with a possible interest in the Inquiry.²
- 1.3 On 1-2 August 2001, the Committee inspected the sites for the proposed works. On 2 August the Committee inspected the existing facilities of the Defence Intelligence Training Centre and was briefed on the project by officers of the Department of Defence.
- 1.4 Following the briefing, the Committee held a public hearing at the Defence Intelligence Training Centre and took evidence from representatives of:

1 Extract from Votes and Proceedings No. 185, 24 May 2001.

2 A list of Submissions is at Appendix A.

- Department of Defence;
- Back Creek Gorge Conservation Association;
- Beechmont Community Association; and
- Catholic Worker.³