

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 Army Aviation Centre, Oakey, 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 *Toowoomba Chronicle* 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 August 2001, the Committee inspected the site for the proposed works and existing facilities at the Army Aviation Centre, Oakey and was briefed on the proposal by officers of the Department of Defence.
- 1.4 Following the inspection, the Committee held a public hearing at the Army Aviation Centre and took evidence from representatives of:
- the Department of Defence;
 - the Australian Greenhouse Office; and

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

2 A list of Submissions is at Appendix A.

- the Jondaryan Shire Council.³