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List of abbreviations

ADF	Australian Defence Force
AGO	Australian Greenhouse Office
AQIS	Australian Quarantine Inspection Service
BCA	Building Code of Australia
Defence	Department of Defence
DEWR	Department of Environment and Water Resources
DRN	Defence Restricted Network
GST	Goods and Services Tax
LIA	Living-in Accommodation
OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety
PPE	Personal Protection Equipment
RAN	Royal Australian Navy
The Act	<i>Public Works Committee Act 1969</i>
WA	Western Australia



Extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives

No. 179 dated Thursday 31 May 2007

PUBLIC WORKS—PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE—REFERENCE
OF WORK—RAAF BASE PEARCE REDEVELOPMENT STAGE 1, PEARCE, WA

Mr Lindsay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence), pursuant to notice, moved—That, in accordance with the provisions of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, the following proposed work be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for consideration and report: RAAF Base Pearce redevelopment stage 1, Pearce, WA.

Question—put and passed.



List of recommendations

Issues and Conclusions

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that in due course the Department of Defence provide details of heritage buildings demolished and referred for archiving to the Department of Environment and Water Resources.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that Defence provide advice to satisfy the Committee that everything is being done to capture and use water on RAAF Base Pearce in view of community concerns related to water availability.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that Defence continue to pursue consultations with appropriate local, State and Federal government agencies particularly on the delivery of water to the site, having regard to local community interests, and that it consult with the local fire authority on appropriate fire regulations that might need to be incorporated into the design of the works.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that RAAF Base Pearce Redevelopment Stage 1 proceeds at an estimated out-turn cost of \$142.2 million.

