



Proposed Redevelopment of RAAF Base East Sale

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed redevelopment of the Royal Australian Air Force Base East Sale.

RAAF Base East Sale is the primary officer training base of the RAAF. The Department of Defence seeks approval from the Committee to proceed with redeveloping the base, at an anticipated cost of approximately \$186 million. If approved, the redevelopment would be completed by mid 2015.

The project aims to improve the functionality and capability of the base by upgrading or replacing inadequate facilities, infrastructure and engineering services to meet current and future requirements of the base.

The Committee's Chair, Janelle Saffin MP, said the Committee will inspect the site and conduct a public hearing in relation to the proposed works on 25 November 2011.

"Defence identifies RAAF Base East Sale as an enduring training base which will be utilised by Defence for the foreseeable future. The Committee will review Defence's proposal to determine whether the project will likely meet this need, whilst representing value for money".

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on Thursday, 3 November 2011.

The Committee will be holding a public hearing on the proposed redevelopment at RAAF Base in East Sale on Friday, 25 November 2011. 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 the Department of Defence.

For interview: Contact the Chair's media advisor, Lee Duncan on 0448 158 150.

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.