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Chair: Ms Janelle Saffin MP

Public hearing for proposed upgrade of RAAF Base East Sale rescheduled

The public hearing for the inquiry into the proposed redevelopment of the Royal Australian Air Force Base East Sale has been postponed.

The Public Works Committee is inquiring into the Department of Defence's proposal to redevelop the primary officer training base of the RAAF in East Sale. The Department of Defence seeks approval from the Committee to proceed with redeveloping the base, at an anticipated cost of approximately \$186 million. The project aims to improve the functionality and capability of the base.

Full details of the proposed redevelopment are available on the Committee's website: <u>www.aph.gov.au/pwc</u>

The Committee will be holding a public hearing at the RAAF Base East Sale early in 2012. Further 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 <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc</u> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.