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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

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Chair: Ms Janelle Saffin MP

Public hearing scheduled for new building for National Archives of Australia

Representatives of National Archives of Australia (NAA) will appear before the Public Works Committee on Monday 9 July 2012 for the inquiry into the proposed new National Archives Preservation Facility (NAPF) and refurbishment of the existing Mitchell facility for National Archives of Australia at Mitchell, ACT.

NAA's existing storage facilities will be filled to capacity by 2015. The new NAPF and the refurbished existing Mitchell facility will provide increased storage capacity for archives from Australian government agencies. This will enable NAA to fulfil its legislative responsibility to properly maintain these archives. The total cost of the project is approximately \$92.6 million, excluding GST.

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

Representatives from NAA and their consultants will give evidence at the hearing.

Hearing Venue:	Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra
Date:	Monday, 9 July 2012
Time:	3.30pm to 4.30pm—National Archives of Australia (Submission 1)

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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 National Archives of Australia.

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.