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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Ms Janelle Saffin MP

## Public hearing scheduled for proposed Defence housing project in Sydney

Defence Housing Australia will appear before the Public Works Committee on 5 March 2012 for the inquiry into the proposed AE2 Ermington housing development in Sydney.

Defence Housing Australia proposes to build 209 dwellings on the Ermington site over three years, at an anticipated cost of \$90.6 million. The project aims to reduce the proportion of Defence families living in private rental accommodation in Sydney. The site was acquired by the Commonwealth in 1943 and used for storage by the US Army during the Second World War. Now re-zoned as a residential area, the site has been named "AE2" after the "Silent Anzac", the first Allied and Australian submarine to enter the Dardanelles strait in 1915 as part of the Gallipoli campaign.

Full details on Defence Housing Australia's proposal are available on the Committee's website: <a href="https://www.aph.gov.au/pwc">www.aph.gov.au/pwc</a>

Representatives from Defence Housing Australia and their construction team will give evidence at the hearing, as well as the Chairman of the Ermington Residents' Committee.

Hearing Venue: Mercure Hotel Parramatta, 106 Hassall Street, Rosehill, Sydney

Date: Monday, 5 March 2012

Time: 11.00am to 12.00pm – Defence Housing Australia (Submission 1)

12.00pm to 12.15pm – Mr Ken Newman

**Ermington Residents' Committee (Submission 3)** 

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 Defence Housing 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 <a href="http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc">http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc</a> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.

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