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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

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Chair: Ms Kirsten Livermore MP

Public hearing in Melbourne for Defence inquiry

The Public Works Committee is holding a public hearing for the inquiry into the security and facilities upgrade, at Fishermans Bend, Melbourne, for the Defence Science and Technology Organisation's Human Protection Performance Division.

The key objectives of the project are to provide site specific security enhancements in order to improve deterrence, protection, detection and response capacities, and to address site-specific capability gaps in working accommodation and laboratory facilities. This would improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Human Protect Performance Division in meeting current and evolving operational requirements.

The estimated cost of the project is \$41.1 million. Construction is expected to be complete by early 2016.

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

Hearing Venue:	Committee Room G6
	Victorian Parliament Committee Rooms
	55 St Andrews Place
	Melbourne, Victoria
Date:	Tuesday, 30 April 2013
Time:	11.00am to 12.00pm

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 the Department of Defence.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office on (07) 4922 6604.

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.