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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

## **Public Works Committee hearing with Defence Housing Australia**

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into proposed Housing for Defence in Muirhead, Darwin, for Defence Housing Australia.

The \$43.5 million proposal would provide housing for members of the Australian Defence Force and their families serving in Darwin, NT. Proposed for the new suburb of Muirhead, the construction would commence in March 2011 and be completed by June 2012. The project encompasses the development of 18.4 hectares of land to produce 166 lots, the construction of 50 dwellings for ADF personnel and their families, and the disposal of the remaining lots.

The Public Works Committee is responsible for ensuring that the need, cost and scope proposed is appropriate.

The Committee will hold a public hearing with the Defence Housing Australia at 10.30am on Thursday 15 April 2010.

Details of the hearing are:

10.30am Thursday 15 April 2010 **Lyons Community Centre** 25 Damabila Drive, LYONS NT

**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, Derek Tipper on 0434 663 757.

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 0434 567 521.

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