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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Mrs Karen Andrews MP

Public Works Committee to hold public hearing for CSIRO Clayton Property Strategy, Victoria

The Public Works Committee is holding a public hearing on Monday in Melbourne, for its inquiry into the CSIRO Clayton Property Strategy, Victoria.

The CSIRO proposes to relocate its staff and research from Highett Melbourne to its Clayton Site adjacent to Monash University. The project includes the refurbishment and fit-out of some existing facilities at Clayton and North Clayton; the relocation of staff and specialist science equipment; and the construction of the Factories of the Future Innovation (FoFi) Centre at Clayton. This will consolidate CSIRO's support facilities and research capability and reduce CSIRO's building footprint and reduce overall building operation, management and maintenance costs.

Construction is scheduled to commence in June 2014. The Highett Relocation component of the project is scheduled to be completed by September 2015, and the FoFi component is scheduled to be completed by December 2015. Staff are expected to be relocated by December 2015.

The estimated cost of the project is \$32 million.

For further details on the proposal, visit the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Hearing Venue - GK Williams Room, Building 121, CSIRO Clayton Site

Date - Monday, 17 February 2014

Time - **10.00am - 11.00am**

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing.

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 CSIRO.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office on (07) 5580 9111.

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 (02) 6277 4636.

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