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- Sir John Monash Centre, Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France
- Royal Australian Air Force Base Williamtown Redevelopment Stage Two Project

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List of recommendations

2 Sir John Monash Centre, Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1969, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: the Sir John Monash Centre, Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France.

Recommendation 2

The Committee requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide it with a progress report when the project has reached the halfway point on the anticipated delivery timeframe, in addition to the mandatory post-implementation report to be submitted within three months of project completion.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the Department of Veterans' Affairs examine the work of Veterans Affairs Canada in managing the Canadian Student Guide Program in France to determine if aspects of this model can be adapted and implemented at the Sir John Monash Centre, Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France to enhance the visitor experience.

3 Royal Australian Air Force Base Williamtown Redevelopment Stage Two Project

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act* 1969, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: the Royal Australian Air Force Base Williamtown Redevelopment Stage 2 Project.

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends the Department of Defence work collaboratively with Port Stephens Council on the Medowie Road upgrade to achieve the best outcome for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.