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## **Public hearing for inquiry into REDFIN Phase 1B Infrastructure - facilities required for the new fleet of special operations vehicles**

The Public Works Committee is conducting a public hearing for the inquiry into facilities required to support a new fleet of special operations vehicles.

The Department of Defence told the committee that the vehicles will improve the efficiency and communications of Special Operations missions.

The vehicles will be located at Campbell Barracks in Western Australia and Holsworthy Barracks in New South Wales. Neither unit has suitable infrastructure to support the new fleet, therefore work is required to construct and upgrade vehicle storage hangars and loading/inspection ramps.

In addition, Defence proposes to upgrade the long range patrol radio system. This Australia-wide network will have four fixed control stations to be located at Perth, Sydney, Townsville, and Darwin and will provide radio users with the geographical coverage required for Special Operations missions.

The project is expected to cost \$50.5 million (excluding GST).

Full details on the project are available on the Committee's website: [www.aph.gov.au/pwc](http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc)

**Public Hearing Venue:**            **Rendezvous Hotel Perth, Scarborough, Western Australia**  
**Date:**                                **Friday, 7 August 2015**  
**Time:**                                **8.00 – 9.00 am**

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 office of Senator Dean Smith, Chair, on (08) 9481 0349.

**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.