



Public hearing into Space Surveillance Telescope Facilities at Exmouth, WA

The Public Works Committee is conducting a public hearing into the facilities and supporting infrastructure required for the Space Surveillance Telescope at the Harold E Holt Naval Communications Station, near Exmouth, Western Australia.

The project will develop an Australian Defence Force space surveillance capability, enhance the global surveillance capability, and provide an increased ability to track space debris.

The proposed facility to accommodate the telescope will comprise the dome enclosure structure (the observatory), an operations support centre and equipment buildings. Other project elements include an access track, a communications link, an uninterrupted back-up power supply, connection to existing services, security fencing and car parking.

Works are expected to begin by early 2015, with completion of all major works expected by mid-2016. The estimated cost of the project is \$63.0 million, excluding GST.

Hearing Venue: **Building 142 Training Rooms
Corner 2nd Street and South 'Charlie' Street
Harold E Holt Naval Communications Station
Exmouth, WA**

Date: **Tuesday, 4 November 2014**

Time: **12.00pm to 1.00pm**

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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

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) 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.