

## **New aircraft facilities proposed for RAAF Base Amberley**

The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) operates eight [C-17A aircraft](#) from [Amberley](#), Queensland. These heavy airlift aircraft provide capacity for deploying troops, vehicles and supplies rapidly anywhere in the world.



*Supplies are loaded onto a C-17A Globemaster aircraft for delivery to Vanuatu following Tropical Cyclone Pam.  
Source: Royal Australian Air Force.*

In their submission, the Department of Defence state that the existing C-17A aircraft maintenance and storage facilities are inefficient and no longer provide adequate support to operational activities. Subsequently, they are seeking approval to construct new facilities, including workshops and amenities, an aircraft apron, explosive ordnance facilities, refuelling stations and associated infrastructure such as roads and security services.

The works are expected to commence in early 2017 and be completed by late 2018. The estimated cost of the project is \$219.4 million (excluding GST).

The Committee Chair, Senator Dean Smith, said the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in the near future.

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

### **Submissions to the inquiry close on 14 April 2016.**

Full details of the public hearing will be available soon.

**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 office of the Chair, Senator Dean Smith 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.