



Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

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## **Public Works Committee to hold public hearing for Defence Terrestrial Communications Network Facilities and Infrastructure Project**

The Public Works Committee is holding a public hearing on Friday in Canberra, for its inquiry into the Defence Terrestrial Communications Network Facilities and Infrastructure.

A series of reviews have identified the need for Australian Government agencies, including Defence, to substantially improve the condition, capability, sustainability, productivity and governance of Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

Defence's Joint Project 2047 Phase 3 Defence Terrestrial Communications Network (JP2047) is a key response to achieving the ICT reforms. The project will set the foundation for all ICT reform and deliver significant business advantages to Defence by upgrading, replacing, standardising and rationalising the Defence Terrestrial Communications Network across 282 Defence owned and leased sites.

Defence expects to reduce network operating costs, reduce the complexity of the network and provide new collaborative business processes for ICT users, such as WiFi, mobile video conferencing and remote access. For the first time all Defence personnel whether in Australia or overseas will have reliable, high speed access to the Defence network and ICT services.

The estimated cost of the project is \$131.1 million. Construction is expected to begin in August 2014, with a progressively staged handover and completion of all sites being completed by mid-2016.

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

**Hearing Venue:** Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra  
**Date:** Friday, 30 May 2014  
**Time:** 10.00 am – 11.00 am

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 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.