



Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

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## **Public hearing into proposed New Air Combat Capability facilities for Defence**

The Public Works Committee is conducting a public hearing into the proposed new Air Combat Capability facilities which Defence has told the Committee are necessary to support the acquisition of 72 new F-35A aircraft.

The facilities will be built at RAAF bases around the country, with most work being undertaken at RAAF Base Williamtown, NSW and RAAF Base Tindal, Northern Territory.

New facilities' works proposed at RAAF Base Williamtown and RAAF Base Tindal include squadron facilities to support the operation and maintenance of the new aircraft, training facilities to develop and sustain pilots and maintenance staff, airfield infrastructure, and logistics facilities.

Works are expected to commence in January 2015 at RAAF Base Williamtown and by 2017 at RAAF Base Tindal. All works across 10 Defence bases are expected to be completed by the end of 2022. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,477.4 million.

**Hearing Venue:** Port Stephens Council Chambers  
116 Adelaide Street (Old Pacific Highway),  
Raymond Terrace, NSW  
**Date:** Wednesday, 10 September 2014  
**Time:** 1.30pm to 3.00pm

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](http://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.