



# PARLIAMENT of AUSTRALIA

## MEDIA RELEASE

**Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works**

New inquiry

---

Issue date: 16 February 2017

## **Inquiry into Administrative Appeals Tribunal Melbourne office fit-out**

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works today announced that it is conducting an inquiry into a proposed fit-out of new leased premises at 15 William Street, in Melbourne's central business district, by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT).

In 2015, the AAT commenced the process of amalgamating the former Migration Review Tribunal, Refugee Review Tribunal, and Social Security Appeals Tribunal into the AAT. The proposed works are part of a wider, national process of consolidating the presence of the AAT in Australia's major cities. The AAT currently uses four premises across Melbourne, which it proposes to reduce to one in order to consolidate its presence in Melbourne.

The proposed works are intended to provide fit-for-purpose office accommodation, hearing rooms, dispute resolution rooms, a legal library, a 'summons room' for viewing and copying AAT-held documents, and a range of other associated facilities.

The Committee would like to hear from all individuals or organisations interested in the inquiry. Submissions will be accepted until 17 March 2017. It is anticipated that the Committee will hold hearings in late March 2017.

**NB** the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works is neither involved in the tendering process nor the awarding of contracts. Enquiries on those matters should be addressed to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

### **Media enquiries:**

Office of the Chair, Mr Scott Buchholz MP (Greg Birkbeck): 0427 421 132

### **For background:**

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

(02) 6277 4636, [pwc@aph.gov.au](mailto:pwc@aph.gov.au), [www.aph.gov.au/pwc](http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc)

### **For background:**

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

(02) 6277 4636, [pwc@aph.gov.au](mailto:pwc@aph.gov.au), [www.aph.gov.au/pwc](http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc)