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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Senator Dean Smith

Public hearing for inquiry into the proposed OneSKY Equipment Rooms Project in Melbourne and Brisbane

The Public Works Committee is conducting a public hearing into the proposed construction of specialised equipment rooms at air traffic service centres in Melbourne and Brisbane in preparation for the introduction of the new OneSKY system.

The OneSKY system will modernise air traffic management in Australia and will be run in tandem with the current system for a four year period before it becomes fully operational.

The existing equipment rooms in Melbourne and Brisbane are nearing the end of their design life and do not have sufficient power, cooling, floor space and availability to accommodate both systems simultaneously. For this reason, Airservices propose to construct specialised equipment rooms in both cities.

The proposed works will include site preparation, demolition, construction works and fit-out. The equipment rooms will be constructed near existing air traffic service centre facilities at both sites. This will maximise operational effectiveness and efficiency and to allow for the integration of data, voice, power and cooling between facilities.

The estimated cost of the project is \$35.4 million (excluding GST).

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

Public Hearing Venue: Best Western Airport Motel and Convention Centre, Victoria

Date: Tuesday, 25 August 2015

Time: 10.30 – 11.30 am

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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 Airservices Australia.

For interview: Contact the office of Senator Dean Smith, Chair, 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.

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