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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

*Chair: Senator Dean Smith*

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## **Public hearing into proposed Multi-User Barge Ramp Facility - East Arm, Darwin, Northern Territory**

The Public Works Committee is conducting a public hearing into a proposed multi-user barge ramp facility at East Arm in Darwin.

The Department of Defence seeks approval to build a barge facility which will provide round-the-clock capability to load and unload helicopter docks, amphibious ships and explosive ordnance irrespective of tidal conditions in Darwin.

The project is a collaboration between the Department of Defence and the Land Development Corporation in the Northern Territory. The estimated cost of the barge facility is \$18.0 million, with Defence contributing \$16.1 million to the project.

**Public Hearing Venue:** Rydges Darwin Airport Resort  
**Date:** Thursday, 23 April 2015  
**Time:** 10.30am – 11.30am

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

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 the Department of Defence.

**For interview:** Contact the Chair's office 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.