



Fit-out of new ATO offices proposed for Gosford

In 2014 the Commonwealth Government announced the construction of a new purpose-built office building on the New South Wales Central Coast to accommodate 600 Commonwealth employees. The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) was named the lead agency for this initiative.

The *Public Works Committee Act 1969* mandates that all public works for the Commonwealth which are estimated to cost in excess of \$15 million are referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (the Committee) for inquiry.

The Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed fit-out works, which are scheduled to commence in July 2017 and be completed by November 2017.

The building will be leased by the ATO, which will be responsible for the fit-out of 7,350 square metres to meet the needs of its workforce.

The remit of the Committee's inquiry is to examine the need, scope and value-for-money of the proposed fit-out of the building.

In its submission, the ATO has stated that the proposed fit-out works would meet current work point density standards whilst providing the flexibility to meet future operational requirements. The fit-out design will also provide collaborative meeting spaces, robust security and IT systems and shopfront facilities.

The estimated cost of the fit-out project is \$20.8 million and the Committee may choose to conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry.

For more information on the inquiry, please visit the [Committee's website](#).

Submissions to the inquiry close on 10 March 2016.

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 ATO.

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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.