



Facilities for RAAF Base Amberley to support new aircraft

The Department of Defence is seeking approval from the Public Works Committee to provide facilities required to maintain and operate ten new C-27J Battlefield Airlifter aircraft.

Defence has told the Committee that choosing RAAF Base Amberley in Queensland as the main operating base for the aircraft will provide opportunities and efficiencies for the Royal Australian Air Force.

The project will include constructing training areas, flight simulator, an aircraft parking apron, meteorology observation room, fire station and storage. It will also include road extensions, some demolition work and relocating heritage buildings.

The works are expected to commence in early 2016, and be completed by mid-2018. The estimated cost of the project is \$370.4 million (excluding GST).

The Committee Chair, Senator Dean Smith, said the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in Ipswich, Queensland in November.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on 22 October 2015.

Full details of the public hearing will be available soon.

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.