



Defence infrastructure to support new air traffic management system

The Department of Defence has partnered with Airservices Australia to develop OneSKY, a combined civil-military air traffic management system. In order to support OneSKY, Defence is seeking approval from the Public Works Committee to deliver new and upgraded infrastructure to several air traffic management bases across Australia.

Defence has told the Committee that the project will include constructing new and refurbishing existing air traffic control towers and associated infrastructure. Redundant facilities and infrastructure will be demolished.

Works will be undertaken at various sites including RAAF Bases Townsville and Amberley, Queensland, RAAF Bases Williamtown and Richmond, New South Wales, RAAF Base East Sale, Victoria, RAAF Base Pearce, Western Australia, RAAF Bases Edinburgh and Woomera, South Australia and RAAF Bases Darwin and Tindal, Northern Territory.

The works are expected to commence in stages throughout 2016, with all works to be completed by the end of 2021. The estimated cost of the project is \$409.9 million (excluding GST).

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

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.