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## MEDIA RELEASE

**Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works**

New inquiry

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## **Inquiry into Garden Island (East) critical infrastructure recovery program**

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works yesterday launched an inquiry into the Department of Defence's proposed Garden Island (East) Critical Infrastructure Recovery Program.

The project proposes to provide a fully functioning wharf that will provide for both current and future requirements at the north-west end of the Garden Island Defence Precinct in Sydney, New South Wales. The Department of Defence proposes to demolish the existing Cruiser Wharf and Oil Wharf, dredge the surrounding seabed, construct a new single continuous wharf, and extend the existing East Dock Wharf. Additionally, the project includes the installation of engineering services, new wharf furniture such as bollards, fenders and ladders, and a new rail mounted crane.

The estimated cost of the project is \$213.4 million, excluding GST. It is anticipated that the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in April 2017.

The Committee would like to hear from all individuals or organisations interested in the inquiry. Submissions will be accepted until 29 March 2017.

**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 Department of Defence.

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