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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Senator Dean Smith

Defence facility upgrade required for larger, heavier field vehicles

Facilities required to support 7500 new field vehicles capable of providing battlefield mobility, logistics support and tactical training will be investigated at a public hearing tomorrow by the Public Works Committee.

The Department of Defence's submission states that in many instances, existing facilities will not be able to support the new fleet, which are larger and heavier than the current vehicles.

Suitable infrastructure is therefore required for Defence Force units at eight sites around Australia. The proposed works will include maintenance workshops, weighbridges, loading ramps, vehicle storage and parking.

The project is expected to cost \$276.5 million (excluding GST). Full details on the project are available on the committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Public Hearing Venue: Committee Room 2R2, Parliament House, Canberra
Date: Friday, 27 November 2015
Time: 8.45 am – 10.00 am

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 office of the Chair, Senator Dean Smith 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.