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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Senator Dean Smith

Hearing into upgrade and extension works proposed for radioactive waste management facilities at Lucas Heights

The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) is seeking approval to upgrade and extend low and intermediate-level solid waste facilities at Lucas Heights.

ANSTO's submission notes that while locations for a new waste management facility are being considered, current storage services will reach full capacity before this new facility becomes operational in 2020.

Due to limited storage space, extension and upgrade work on existing low level solid waste facilities will be carried out first, with improvements completed by April 2017. Works for intermediate-level solid waste facilities are scheduled to be completed by June 2018.

The proposed works will also include upgrading ventilation and security systems, electrical infrastructure and surrounding roads.

The estimated cost of the project is \$22.3 million.

Public Hearing Venue: Committee Room 1R5, Parliament House, Canberra

Date: Friday, 18 March 2016
Time: 11.00 am – 12.00 noon

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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.

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 ANSTO.

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