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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Senator Dean Smith

Inquiry into REDFIN Phase 1B Infrastructure - facilities required for the new fleet of special operations vehicles

The Department of Defence seeks approval from the Public Works Committee to provide infrastructure to support a new fleet of special operations vehicles.

The project will include constructing new and upgrading existing vehicle storage hangars and loading ramps on Defence sites in Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Defence told the Committee that a specialist communications network will also be included in the project. This Australia-wide network will have four fixed control stations to be located at Perth, Sydney, Townsville, and Darwin.

The works will allow for improved vehicle storage, land mobility and communications capability.

The project is due to be completed by mid-2018 and is expected to cost \$50.5 million (excluding GST).

The Committee Chair, Senator Dean Smith, said the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in Perth in August 2015.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on 15 July 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.