



Inquiry into CSIRO ACT Consolidation Project

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the CSIRO ACT Consolidation project at Black Mountain, Canberra.

The CSIRO proposes to relocate staff and operations from three leased sites in the ACT to its owned Black Mountain site, and undertake demolition and refurbishment works to provide modern facilities at the Black Mountain site. This will provide significant financial savings to CSIRO and health and safety benefits to staff.

The project will be undertaken in two phases. Phase 1 construction is scheduled to commence in July 2014 and be completed by April 2016. Phase 2 construction is scheduled to commence in September 2017 and be completed by March 2019.

The estimated cost of the project is \$195.6 million.

The Committee's Chair, Karen Andrews MP, said the Committee will conduct public and in-camera hearings for the inquiry in February 2014.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on Friday, 24 January 2014.

Full details of the public hearing will be announced 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 CSIRO.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office on (07) 5580 9111.

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.