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## **Public hearing for inquiry into RAAF Base Williamtown redevelopment Stage 2 project**

The Public Works Committee is conducting a public hearing into the proposed RAAF Base Williamtown redevelopment Stage 2 project.

The Department of Defence seeks approval to carry out works to address deficiencies in capability, functionality, security and compliance of Base facilities and infrastructure.

Operations at RAAF Base Williamtown date back over 70 years and the age of infrastructure currently on the Base varies considerably. Defence states that the Base requires the upgrade or replacement of critical ageing infrastructure. The support facilities and infrastructure, particularly engineering services, have deteriorated over time and in many cases now have insufficient capability and capacity to support current and planned demands.

Proposed works include providing new Flexible Office Accommodation for approximately 950 personnel. The new accommodation will enable collocation of core functions and necessary amenity support to Defence personnel on base. Other works include an upgrade of Base engineering services' infrastructure, new Base entries, new No 4 Squadron facilities, some additional office accommodation provided through adaptive reuse, car parking for 800 cars and the demolition of redundant facilities.

The estimated cost of the project is \$274.0 million.

Full details on the project are available on the Committee's website: [www.aph.gov.au/pwc](http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc)

**Public Hearing Venue:** Williamtown Hall, 2 Sanderman St, Williamtown, NSW  
**Date:** Wednesday, 22 July 2015  
**Time:** 12.00 noon – 1.00pm

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 the office of Senator Dean Smith, Chair, 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.