



Security upgrades for Defence bases

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed Base Infrastructure Works Project under the Base Security Improvement Program.

The objective of the Base Infrastructure Works Project is to deliver tailored infrastructure works at 16 priority Defence sites, in order to reduce the risk of specific types of terrorist attack upon Defence personnel. To meet this objective, the project will deliver infrastructure treatments tailored to each site's specific security risk profile, function and other environmental factors.

The Committee's Chair, Janelle Saffin MP, said the Committee will examine the project and conduct a public hearing regarding the proposal in August 2012.

"This project aims to utilise physical, technological and procedural solutions to enhance security at Defence base entry zones, allowing increased access control capabilities. The Committee is pleased that the Department of Defence is upgrading security at key sites, taking into consideration the safety of Defence personnel."

"The Committee will scrutinise Defence's project to ensure that the works at each of the sites are fit for purpose and offer value for money for the Commonwealth", Ms Saffin said.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on Thursday, 5 July 2012.

The Committee will be holding a public hearing on the proposed works in Sydney in August. 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 the Department of Defence.

For interview: Contact the Chair's media advisor, Lee Duncan on 0448 158 150.

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.