



Villawood building works to be scrutinised

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed redevelopment of the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre.

The \$186 million redevelopment proposes to update and extend existing accommodation facilities and construct new dining, kitchen, medical, education, recreation and reception facilities.

The Public Works Committee is responsible for ensuring that the need, cost and scope proposed is appropriate.

The Committee is keen to hear a wide range of views on the proposed development and public submissions on the proposal are welcome.

“The Committee understands that some in the community hold strong views on immigration detention,” Senator McLucas said. “While the policy of immigration detention is not part of this inquiry, it is important that facilities for detention meet high standards and I encourage those who are interested to make their views known to the Committee.”

Full details on the proposal and details of the public hearing are available on the Committee’s website. Submissions close on 16 September 2009.

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 Finance and Deregulation.

For interview: Contact the office of the Committee Chair, Senator the Hon Jan McLucas on (07) 4031 6009 or the Chair’s media advisor, Derek Tipper on 0434 663 757.

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.