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## **Australian Taxation Office seeks approval for Albury Relocation**

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into a proposed office fitout for the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) at 'Volt Lane' in Albury, New South Wales.

The ATO has submitted a proposal for the fitout of 10,400m<sup>2</sup> of office space, in a new building to be constructed on the corner of Smollett Street and Amp and Volt Lanes. These new premises would allow the ATO to continue to locate its entire Albury staff in a single location, whilst providing longer-term and more efficient premises. The proposal has an estimated cost of \$19.1 million, and would deliver energy and environmental efficiencies resulting in reduced operating costs.

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

The Committee's Chair, Janelle Saffin MP, said the Committee is keen to hear a wide range of views on the proposed fitout and public submissions on the proposal are welcomed.

'This proposal would give the ATO purpose designed premises, ensuring that it meets the various standards applying to Commonwealth agencies, particularly relating to energy use and office density,' Ms Saffin said. 'The Committee is concerned to ensure that this project meets the ATO's needs, as well as providing the Commonwealth with value for money and ensuring a long-term solution for the ATO.'

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

### **Submissions close on 14 January 2011.**

The Committee will be holding a public hearing on the proposal on 15 February 2011 in Albury. Details for the hearing can be found on the Committee's website closer to the date.

**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 Australian Taxation Office.

**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 0434 567 521.