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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Ms Janelle Saffin MP

Public Works Committee to examine Defence infrastructure project in Brisbane

The Public Works Committee will conduct a public hearing in Brisbane on 7 December 2011, as part of the inquiry into the Department of Defence's proposed LAND 17 Phase 1A infrastructure project.

Defence proposes to upgrade and add to existing facilities at six Defence sites across Australia, as part of a wider plan to introduce new artillery systems into the Australian Defence Force. Defence proposes to undertake the infrastructure works at Gallipoli and Lavarack Barracks in Queensland, Robertson Barracks in the Northern Territory, RAAF Base Edinburgh in South Australia, and Bridges and Gaza Ridge Barracks in Victoria.

Prior to the public hearing, the Public Works Committee will visit Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, to inspect one of the proposed sites for the works. The Committee will scrutinise Defence's proposal to ensure the works are necessary, fit for purpose and cost-effective.

For further details on Defence's proposal, visit the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Hearing Venue - **Novotel Brisbane Airport, 6-8 The Circuit, Brisbane, QLD**

Date - **Wednesday, 7 December 2011**

Time - **12:45pm to 1:45pm**

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing.

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.

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