



CSIRO to appear before the Public Works Committee

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed Pawsey High Performance Computing Centre for Square Kilometre Array, proposed by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), in Kensington, Perth.

The \$66 million proposal would provide a new purpose-built building to house the Centre, as well as the high-performance computer system and associated infrastructure. The proposal would give Australia a supercomputer amongst the top twenty worldwide, for use in radio astronomy as well as nanotechnology, biotechnology and geoinformatics.

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

The Committee will hold a public hearing with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) at **11.30am on Friday 16 April 2010**.

Details of the hearing are:

11.30am
Friday 16 April 2010
Technology Park Conference Centre
2 Brodie Hall Drive,
Bentley WA

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 Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

For interview: Contact 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 0434 567 521.