



RAAF Edinburgh redevelopment under Parliamentary scrutiny

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into a major proposal by the Department of Defence (Defence) to redevelop RAAF Base Edinburgh in Adelaide, SA.

The proposed \$99 million project aims to provide Air Force facilities, enhance base security and upgrade engineering services.

The project comprises nine individual elements that will improve the capacity of the base as a whole.

The Committee will conduct site inspections and public hearings on 21 April as part of its inquiry into the proposal. In examining the proposed works, the Committee will seek assurances that the works fit into the long-term planning for the base.

Defence expects the works will provide a positive economic impact to the region by the provision of short-term employment opportunities for skilled construction workers.

Committee Chair, Mark Butler MP, welcomes the public to attend the hearing. "I encourage the public to come along and hear more about this multi-million dollar Defence project," Mr Butler said. "The Committee will question Defence on the proposal, in respect of its need, cost, scope, purpose and value for money."

Public submissions on the proposal are also welcome. Full details on the proposal, public hearing times and the work of the Committee are available on the Committee's website.

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 office of the Committee Chair, Mark Butler MP on (08) 8447 7466.

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.