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- **Proposed construction of a new Australian Embassy complex including Chancery and Head of Mission residence in Bangkok, Thailand**
- **Proposed HMAS Albatross redevelopment, Nowra, NSW**
- **Proposed Royal Australian Air Force Base East Sale redevelopment, Sale, Victoria**
- **LAND 17 Phase 1A Infrastructure Project**

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List of recommendations

2 Proposed construction of a new Australian Embassy complex including Chancery and Head of Mission residence in Bangkok, Thailand

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade conduct a hydrological survey of the site of the proposed new Embassy complex in Bangkok, as one part of a thorough review and investigation into the risk of flooding on the proposed site, and investigate further measures which may be undertaken to mitigate the risk. The Committee requests that the results of the hydrological survey be provided to the Committee at the earliest opportunity, along with details of any further steps required to reduce the risk of flooding, and any additional costs associated with these actions.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Proposed construction of a new Australian Embassy complex including Chancery and Head of Mission residence in Bangkok, Thailand.

3 Proposed HMAS Albatross redevelopment, Nowra, NSW

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Proposed HMAS Albatross redevelopment, Nowra, New South Wales.

4 Proposed Royal Australian Air Force Base East Sale redevelopment, Sale, Victoria

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Proposed Royal Australian Air Force Base East Sale redevelopment, Sale, Victoria.

5 LAND 17 Phase 1A Infrastructure Project

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: LAND 17 Phase 1A Infrastructure Project.