



New Defence Housing Planned for Ipswich

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed construction of 72 houses for Defence at Yamanto Hills in Ipswich, Queensland.

At an estimated cost of \$19.63 million, the project aims to provide 72 modern community standard houses for members of the Australian Defence Force stationed in South East Queensland, particularly for those located at RAAF Base Amberley.

The Committee will conduct a site inspection and public hearing on 29 April as part of its inquiry into the proposal. Committee Chair, Mark Butler MP, welcomes the public to attend the public hearing. "I encourage the public to come along and hear more about this development of new housing for our Defence forces," Mr Butler said. "The Committee will question Defence Housing Australia on the proposal, in respect of its need, cost, scope and purpose to ensure that this investment is appropriate and provides good value for Commonwealth money."

Public submissions on the proposal are also welcome. Full details on the proposal are available on the Committee's website.

Public Hearing Details:

Date: Wednesday 29 April 2009
Venue: Ipswich Civic Hall
Cunningham Room
Cnr Limestone and Nicholas Streets
Ipswich Qld
Time: 12.30pm

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 Defence Housing Australia.

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.