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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Ms Kirsten Livermore MP

Public hearing into new post-entry quarantine facility

The Public Works Committee is holding a public hearing for its inquiry into the proposed new post-entry quarantine facility at Mickleham, Victoria.

For imports of live animals and plants, periods of detention in post-entry quarantine facilities are important to protect Australia's animal and plant health status.

The objective of the project is to deliver a single fit-for-purpose facility that will meet contemporary quarantine standards and operations. Existing post-entry quarantine facilities at each of five sites around Australia are over 25 years old and near the end of useful life.

The estimated cost of the project is \$293.1 million. Construction is expected to be complete by late 2018.

Full details on the proposal are available on the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Hearing Venue: Hume Global Learning Centre
75 Central Park Avenue
Craigieburn, Vic.
Date: Wednesday, 27 March 2013
Time: 1.00pm to 2.30pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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 Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

For interview: Contact the Chair's office on (07) 4922 6604.

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.