

## Conclusions and recommendation

- 7.1 In considering and reporting on a public work, the Committee is required by the *Public Works Committee Act 1969* to state:
- the purpose of the work and its suitability for that purpose;
  - the necessity for, or the advisability of, carrying out the work;
  - the most effective use that can be made, in the carrying out of the work, of the moneys to be expended on the work;
  - where the work purports to be of a revenue-producing character, the amount of revenue that it may reasonably be expected to produce; and
  - the present and prospective public value of the work.
- 7.2 The Committee has considered in this report, where relevant, the proposed site filling, stabilisation and construction of infrastructure for the defence site at Ermington, Sydney, New South Wales against each of its statutory consideration requirements.
- 7.3 On the basis of evidence – both public and *in camera* - presented as part of the Inquiry process, the Committee concluded that the range of proposed site works will reduce uncertainties perceived by prospective purchasers and increase the range of sale options available to the DoD. Additionally, the Committee is of the view that the proposed works represent value for money and have the potential to maximise the revenue return to the Commonwealth from a future sale of the site.
- 7.4 Further, on the basis of evidence presented as part of the Inquiry process, the Committee concluded that the proposed works have the potential to provide long term benefits to the Ermington community and the Parramatta region.

## **Recommendation 1**

- 7.5 The Committee recommends that the proposed site filling, stabilisation and construction of infrastructure at the Defence site at Ermington, New South Wales proceed at a cost of \$31.6 million.**

Hon. Judi Moylan

Chair