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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Ms Janelle Saffin MP

Public hearing for proposed upgrade of HMAS Albatross rescheduled

The public hearing for the inquiry into the proposed redevelopment of HMAS Albatross in Nowra, NSW, has been rescheduled to Tuesday, 6 December 2011.

The Public Works Committee is inquiring into the Department of Defence's proposal to upgrade the Nowra-based air station to improve functionality and capability for training exercises and operations. Defence seeks approval from the Committee to proceed with the redevelopment, at an anticipated cost of \$192 million. If approved, Defence aims to complete the project by mid 2015.

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

The Committee will be holding a public hearing on the proposed redevelopment at HMAS Albatross on Tuesday, 6 December 2011, in Nowra. Further details of the public hearing will be announced soon.

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 Chair's media advisor, Lee Duncan on 0448 158 150.

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.