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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Ms Janelle Saffin MP

HMAS Albatross redevelopment under the spotlight

The Public Works Committee will review the proposed redevelopment of HMAS Albatross by conducting a site inspection and public hearing at the Royal Australian Navy base at Nowra on Tuesday, 6 December 2011.

HMAS Albatross supports a training helicopter squadron and two operational helicopter squadrons for the Royal Australian Navy. The Department of Defence proposes to upgrade the infrastructure and engineering services at the air station, at an anticipated cost of \$192 million. The Committee will review Defence's proposal to ensure the project is necessary, fit for purpose and signifies value for money for the Commonwealth.

For further details on Defence's proposal, visit the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Hearing Venue - **Fleet Air Arm Museum, HMAS Albatross, 489A Albatross Road, Nowra**

Date - **Tuesday, 6 December 2011**

Time - **1:00pm to 2:00pm**

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing.

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.