



Department of Climate Change to appear before Public Works Committee

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into a proposed office fitout for the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency in Acton, Canberra.

The \$20.5 million project would provide the Department with a single location in Canberra to satisfy all its accommodation needs. Proposed for the New Acton precinct on Edinburgh Avenue, the development is expected to achieve top energy efficiency ratings. The Department says that the building 'will become a point of reference for cost effective and environmentally efficient commercial buildings'. The fitout, across seven floors, is proposed to be commenced in August 2010 for completion by August 2012.

The Public Works Committee is responsible for ensuring that the need, cost and scope proposed is appropriate.

The Committee will be holding a public hearing with the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency on the proposal at **10.30am on Monday 10 May 2010**. This will be followed by a Community Statement Session at the conclusion of the public hearing.

Details of the hearing are:

10.30am
Monday 10 May 2010
Committee Room 1R6
Parliament House
Canberra

Members of the public interested in participating in the Community Statement Session are asked to contact the Secretariat as soon as possible to register their interest.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing. To ensure timely access to the hearing room, any members of the public intending to attend the hearing are asked to assemble at the Main Committee Room foyer by 10.20am. Members of the public who have difficulties accessing the hearing room should please call the Secretariat, on 6277 4636.

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 Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

For interview: Contact the Chair's media advisor, Derek Tipper on 0434 663 757.

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 0434 567 521.