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- **Proposed integrated fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as 913 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill, Victoria**
- **Proposed development and construction of housing for Defence members and their families at Lindfield, NSW**
- **Proposed development and construction of housing for Defence members and their families at Weston Creek, ACT**

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List of recommendations

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Introduction

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Proposed integrated fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as 913 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill, Victoria

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Proposed integrated fit-out of new leased premises for the Australian Taxation Office at the site known as 913 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill, Victoria.

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Proposed development and construction of housing for Defence members and their families at Lindfield, NSW

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Proposed development and construction of housing for Defence members and their families at Lindfield, NSW.

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Proposed development and construction of housing for Defence members and their families at Weston Creek, ACT

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that Defence Housing Australia engage in widespread, pro-active and ongoing consultation with all relevant local stakeholders that are likely to be directly or indirectly impacted by any proposed development, irrespective of the stage of the town planning process. A more inclusive approach, particularly during the project design stage, is likely to foster effective relationships with relevant stakeholders, including individuals and community groups.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the House of Representatives resolve, pursuant to Section 18(7) of the *Public Works Committee Act 1969*, that it is expedient to carry out the following proposed work: Proposed development and construction of housing for Defence members and their families at Weston Creek, ACT.

Appendix A – List of Submissions

Appendix B – List of Inspections, Hearings and Witnesses