



## **\$500 million of capital works spending under parliamentary scrutiny**

The Public Works Committee is holding inspections and hearings in Canberra on 4 August 2009 as part of its inquiries into the proposed fitouts of Tuggeranong Office Park (TOP) and ANZAC Park West (APW), Canberra and a new Australian Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The two developments in Canberra propose to provide office accommodation for the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (TOP) at a cost of close to \$30 million and the Department of Defence (APW) at a cost of \$45 million. The new Australian Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia will cost \$415 million and proposes to provide a complete embassy facility in this important diplomatic location.

Committee Chair Senator Jan McLucas welcomes the public to attend the hearings. "I encourage the public to come along and hear more about these proposed developments," Senator McLucas said. "The Committee will be examining each proposal, in respect of its need, cost, scope and purpose to ensure that the investments are appropriate and provide good value for Commonwealth money."

The Committee will be inspecting sites in Canberra followed by public hearings on each proposal in Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra. Public hearing times are as follows:

**1.00pm:** Tuggeranong Office Park, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

**2.15pm:** Anzac Park West, Department of Finance and Deregulation (on behalf of the Department of Defence)

**3.30pm:** Australian Embassy, Jakarta, Indonesia (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)

**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 relevant department.

**For interview:** Contact the office of the Committee Chair, Senator the Hon Jan McLucas on (07) 4031 6009 or the Chair's media advisor, Derek Tipper on 0434 663 757.

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