



Army Expansion facilities under parliamentary scrutiny

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed Enhanced Land Force Stage 2 Facilities, Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera other Defence sites in Australia.

The \$1.4 billion project proposes to provide working and living accommodation for the 8th/9th Battalion RAR and other elements of the 7th Brigade, as well as facilities for collective training, career training and logistic support. The primary location for the works is the Gallipoli Barracks in Enoggera (Brisbane), and other works will be undertaken in 11 other Defence bases and training areas across five states and territories.

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 Defence on the proposal at **1pm on Wednesday 4 November 2009**.

Details of the hearing are:

The Diggers' Function Room
Gaythorne RSL
534 Samford Rd
Mitchelton QLD 4053

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, 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.