



## **Puckapunyal Base redevelopment under Parliamentary scrutiny**

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into a major proposal by the Department of Defence (Defence) to redevelop the Puckapunyal Base in Seymour, Victoria.

The proposed \$41 million project aims to support and improve the Army's capability at the base by upgrading training facilities, base security and recreational facilities. The project comprises eight individual elements that will improve the capacity of the base as a whole.

The Committee will conduct site inspections and public hearings on 6 November as part of its inquiry into the proposal. In examining the proposed works, the Committee will seek assurances that the works fit into the long-term planning for the base.

Defence expects the works will provide a positive economic impact to the region by the provision of short-term employment opportunities for skilled construction workers.

Committee Chair, Mark Butler MP, welcomes the public to attend the hearing. "I encourage the public to come along and hear more about this multi-million dollar Defence project," Mr Butler said. "The Committee will question Defence on each proposal, in respect of its need, cost, scope, purpose and value for money."

### **Details**

**Date:** Thursday, 6 November 2008

**Time:** 1.15pm

**Location:** Seymour Club, 1 Elizabeth St, Seymour

**For interview:** Contact the office of the Committee Chair, Mark Butler MP on (08) 8447 7466.

**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.