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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Senator the Hon Jan Lucas

Darwin Defence Housing under Public Works review

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into proposed Defence Housing at Larrakeyah Barracks, Darwin.

The \$57.6 million project proposes to demolish 61 existing Defence houses on the base, and to replace them with 97 new homes for members of the Australian Defence Force and their families. Defence Housing Australia submits that the current houses do not meet the Department of Defence's standards and the new housing will better use the space available on base.

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 Defence Housing Australia on the proposal at **10.30am on Monday 9 November 2009**.

Details of the hearing are:

Parliament House
Cnr Mitchell & Bennett Sts
Darwin

Members of the public interested in addressing the Committee are requested to contact the Secretariat on 0434 567 521 as soon as possible.

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 Defence Housing Australia.

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.