



New Defence houses in Adelaide for scrutiny

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into proposed housing for Defence in Largs North, Adelaide.

The Defence Housing Australia (DHA) project would develop an old industrial and recreation site for housing and construct 35 homes for Defence personnel. The development is being proposed in preparation for the transfer of the Seventh Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, from Darwin to Adelaide, as well as the Air Warfare Destroyer project. With a total estimated cost of \$37 million, DHA plans to sell the majority of lots, including 18 'affordable housing lots', and share the revenue with the Land Management Corporation of South Australia.

The Public Works Committee is responsible for ensuring that the need, cost and scope proposed is appropriate.

The Committee's Chair, Janelle Saffin MP, said the Committee is keen to hear a wide range of views on the proposed development and public submissions on the proposal are welcomed.

'This project would provide both housing and vacant blocks, and would help to increase the supply of housing in Adelaide,' said Ms Saffin. 'The Committee is aware of previous uses of the site including potential contamination issues and will be interested in understanding that the development appropriately deals with these. Further, the Committee will investigate any impact the proposal would have on neighbouring residents. I encourage local residents to have their say on this proposal by making a submission to the inquiry.'

Full details on the proposal are available on the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/pwc

Submissions close on 12 November 2010.

The Committee will be holding a hearing on the proposal on 9 November 2010 in Adelaide.

Public Hearing – Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing.

Venue: Rendezvous Allegra Hotel, 55 Waymouth Street, Adelaide
Date: Tuesday 9 November 2010
Time: 10.45am

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, Lee Duncan on 0448 158 150.

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.