



High voltage upgrade proposed for Liverpool Military Area in NSW

The Public Works Committee is conducting an inquiry into the proposed High Voltage Electrical Distribution Upgrade Project in the Liverpool Military Area (LMA), NSW.

The Department of Defence (Defence) aims to upgrade the electrical distribution network at Holsworthy Barracks and ensure a stable and adequate electrical supply to service growing demand in the LMA.

To meet this objective, the project will include the construction of two Intake Switching Stations and an interconnecting cable, and the reconfiguration of the existing distribution system. The cost of the project is approximately \$19.6 million, excluding GST. Construction is expected to commence in January 2013 and conclude by mid-2014.

The Committee's Chair, Janelle Saffin MP, said the Committee will examine the project and conduct a public hearing regarding the proposal on 8 August 2012.

"This project aims to increase the power supply at Holsworthy Barracks and provide adequate backup and alternative supply routes in the event of a partial system failure. This will provide the LMA with a flexible and reliable power supply and distribution system."

"The Committee will scrutinise Defence's project to ensure that the works are fit for purpose and offer value for money for the Commonwealth," Ms Saffin said.

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

Submissions to the inquiry close on Tuesday, 31 July 2012.

The Committee will be holding a public hearing on the proposed works in Sydney on 8 August 2012. Full details of the public hearing will be announced soon.

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, 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 (02) 6277 4636.