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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

Chair: Ms Janelle Saffin MP

Public Works Committee hearing into remediation works at RAAF Base Williams, Point Cook, Victoria

The Public Works Committee is holding a public hearing into proposed remediation works on RAAF Base Williams (Point Cook), between Melbourne and Geelong, Victoria.

The submission made by the Department of Defence outlines the scope of the proposed works, which would deal with contamination arising from a range of activities previously undertaken on a portion of the base. These activities include fire-training, waste-dumping, aircraft maintenance, and chemical manufacturing. According to the Department of Defence, 12 'contaminants of concern' continue to discharge into Port Phillip Bay due to groundwater flows under the site. Other contaminants would also be removed. The project is estimated to cost \$27.3 million (excluding GST), and if Parliamentary approval is given, the project would be undertaken between February 2012 and April 2013.

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

The hearing details are as follows:

DATE: Tuesday 26 July 2011

TIME: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

VENUE: The Brook on Sneydes, 215 Sneydes Road, Point Cook Victoria

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 0434 567 521.