



THE HON. JOEL FITZGIBBON MP Minister for Defence

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HARDENED AND NETWORKED ARMY EDINBURGH FACILITIES PROJECT (PACKAGES 1 AND 2)—AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

The Minister for Defence, the Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon MP, announced today that Defence has awarded Baulderstone Pty Ltd construction contracts with a value of \$285 million and \$124 million (excluding GST) for Packages 1 and 2 of the Hardened and Networked Army (HNA) Edinburgh Facilities Project.

The facilities are being constructed to enable the 7th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (7RAR) to move from Darwin to Edinburgh Defence Precinct, north of Adelaide, as part of the Government's wider HNA initiative.

Package 1 will include the construction of Army working accommodation, training facilities and site-wide infrastructure. Package 2 will include the construction of a combined mess, fitness, commercial and community facilities.

"After a two-stage tender process, Baulderstone Pty Ltd was selected as the Head Contractor for both Packages 1 and 2," Mr Fitzgibbon said.

"Baulderstone Pty Ltd submitted a competitive tender that addressed all of the Commonwealth's requirements for the project.

"The HNA Project will provide a very important military capability as well as a very popular posting location for Service families. The construction project will deliver significant economic benefits to South Australia over the next three years and the relocation of 1200 personnel and their families will have a similar effect over the long term."

Works will commence on site in late 2008 and progressive completion of key facilities is planned to enable Army units to relocate to Adelaide starting in January 2011.

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