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**ISSUE: CIVILIAN FATALITY AT DEFENCE  
ESTABLISHMENT ORCHARD HILLS – 4 NOV 10**

**KEY ISSUES:**

- At approximately 1115 hours today (Thursday 4 Nov 11) at the **privately operated** golf course at Defence Establishment Orchard Hills a civilian received fatal injuries when the ride-on lawn mower he was operating overturned.
- Defence employees attempted to remove the lawn mower that had him pinned, but were not successful due to its size.
- The civilian was a member of the Orchard Hills Golf Club and is not a Defence employee, nor is he a Defence contractor. He was acting in a voluntary capacity.
- NSW Ambulance Service responded to the incident however he was declared deceased at the scene.
- NSW Police have established a crime scene at the incident site and are conducting investigations. The deceased next of kin has been notified through the NSW Police.
- COMCARE and NSW Workcover have been notified.

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**BACKGROUND: TO THE FATALITY OF A CIVILIAN AT DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT ORCHARD HILLS GOLF CLUB ON 4 NOV 10**

The Defence Establishment at Orchard Hills (DEOH) is located in the outer western suburbs of the Sydney basin approximately 45 kilometres from the CBD.

A **privately operated** small 9 hole golf course is located within the administrative area of DEOH and is open to members of the public who can gain access through proof of identity.

On 4 Nov 10 at approximately 1115 hours a golf course member acting in a voluntary capacity, suffered fatal injuries when the ride-on lawn mower he was operating overturned.

Defence personnel discovered the overturned lawn mower, notified emergency services and attempted to free him, but were unable to do so.

NSW Ambulance responded and declared him to be deceased at the scene.

NSW Police responded and established a cordon and commenced investigations. NSW Police have formally notified the next of kin and the body has been relocated to the morgue.

The Golf Course has been closed until further notice.

The Senior ADF Officer has met with family members.