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Subject: LIGHTNING STRIKE ON AP-3C AIRCRAFT IN DARWIN

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**ISSUE: LIGHTNING STRIKE ON AP-3C AIRCRAFT IN
DARWIN**

SENSITIVITY: Media interest and welfare of members.

KEY ISSUES:

- At 2130 on 14 Nov 10 lightning struck a parked AP-3C aircraft, assigned to Operation RESOLUTE, outside the main hangar at RAAF Darwin. Two maintenance personnel were conducting maintenance in the aircraft bomb bay at the time. The members sustained minor injuries and were taken to the Royal Darwin Hospital as a precaution.
- The two members were checked by medical staff at Royal Darwin Hospital, medically cleared and released at 0200 on 15 Nov 10.
- As a result of the lightning strike, the aircraft sustained minor damage and is currently unserviceable. Rectification of the aircraft unserviceability is expected on 16 Nov 10.
- A quick assessment into this incident has been initiated.
- An enquiry from the NT News has been received this afternoon.

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