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HOT ISSUE BRIEF

GAS LEAK AT RAAF BASE WILLIAMTOWN—04 MAR 11

SENSITIVITY: Medium

KEY ISSUES:

- A strong gas odour was detected in the vicinity of the RAAF Williamtown North gate at 12.55pm.
- Immediate actions were undertaken which included:
 - Evacuation and cordoning of the adjacent area;
 - Alerting emergency services; and
 - Isolation of the gas supply.
- The B4 Kids Child Care Facility was evacuated by military transport to the Base Gymnasium as centre location was immediately downwind of leak site. Most children have now been collected by their parents.
- The site was declared safe by RAAF Fire Fighters in conjunction with NSW Rural Fire Service personnel at 3.30pm and gas supply to the Base was restored.
- Access to the Base will be restricted in the vicinity of the leak and the site will continue to be monitored by RAAF Fire Services in the meantime.

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TALKING POINTS

- A Gas leak on RAAF Base Williamtown was detected.
- All precautions to ensure the safety of personnel were taken
- At risk areas on the Base, and Medowie Road adjacent to the Base were evacuated.
- Emergency services (both Air Force and civilian) attended the location and have now declared the site safe.
- The leak site is still being monitored and the cause investigated.

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