HOT ISSUE BRIEF

ISSUE: SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE FOUND UNDER THE SEAT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AT DEFENCE NATIONAL STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION CENTRE, MOOREBANK, NSW.

SENSITIVITY: Medium, local media interest is likely.

KEY ISSUES:

- 1435 hrs – A suspicious package of approximately 2-3 pounds in weight was found under the seat of a 5 Combat Engineering Regiment vehicle which was at a mechanical repair shop at DNSDC.
- Lockdown procedures were immediately invoked with access and egress to the base being denied.
- Civilian Police were advised and are in attendance.
- A Civilian Police explosive dog has provided a positive indication for the presence of explosives and the Bomb Disposal Unit is now en route.
- A positive indication does not represent the existence of explosives. The bomb disposal unit will provide that assessment.
- As at 1715h on 24 March 2011 a 200 metre cordon has been established around the building.
Vehicles/personnel are being allowed to leave the site however only emergency vehicles are being allowed access.

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