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SENSITIVITY: The media is aware of the forced landing at Normanhurst

KEY ISSUES:

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- At 0105 hrs AEDT 01 December 2011, due to inclement weather, three Black Hawks were forced to land in a non-residential area at an oval at Fraser Beach Rd, Fraser Park.

- At 0140 hrs AEDT 01 December 2011, due to inclement weather, one Black Hawk was forced to land in a residential area at Toukley sports field at Canton Beach.

- All Black Hawks were from 6 Aviation Regiment and were participating in an activity at Singleton.
• Recovery teams have been launched. Recovery of all five Black Hawks is to be conducted today.

• There was no known damage to civilian property.

• There was no threat to personnel operating the aircraft or to any members of the public who may have been in the area.

• There is current media interest.

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