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## **HOT ISSUE BRIEF**

### **ISSUE: NAVY SEAHAWK HELICOPTER UNSERVICABLE AT COFFS HARBOUR AIRPORT**

**SENSITIVITY:** Media Interest expected to be very low given the aircraft location at Coffs Harbour airfield.

#### **KEY ISSUES:**

- **Seahawk helicopter 'Tiger 71' was conducting currency training enroute to Queensland.**
- **After a scheduled stop and whilst preparing for departure, the Auxiliary Propulsion unit failed to start.**
  - Initial attempts to rectify the defect have been unsuccessful.
- **Fault finding on the defect is continuing.**

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**BACKGROUND: NAVY SEAHAWK HELICOPTER unserviceable  
at COFFS HARBOUR airport**

Navy Seahawk Tiger 71 was conducting a transit from HMAS  
*Albatross* in NSW to Queensland.

The aircraft was conducting staff continuation training.

Tiger 71 had refuelled at Coffs Harbour where the defect was  
identified.

Fault finding is continuing to identify the defect.

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**TALKING POINTS**

- **A Navy Seahawk is currently unserviceable at Coffs Harbour airport.**

- **Whilst preparing for departure from Coffs Harbour after a scheduled stop, the aircrafts Auxiliary propulsion unit failed to start.**
- **Safety of the aircraft and its occupants are a primary concern for Navy. The failure did not create any safety issues or concerns.**
- **The aircraft will remain at Coffs Harbour airfield whilst fault finding continues.**

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