BOMB THREAT AT LAVARACK BARRACKS – TOWNSVILLE

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:
• An anonymous phone call was received by 1 RAR advising that a bomb was located in the 1 RAR Guard Room.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:
• The incident occurred on 9 May 2012 at approximately 1138 hours, at 1 RAR Lavarack Barracks, Townsville.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:
• The affected building was evacuated and cordoned off by a combination of military police and the Queensland Police Service.
• The Lavarack Barracks Base Emergency Response Plan was activated.
• An Explosive Ordnance Detection team and an Explosive Ordnance Detection Dog team are conducting a search within the cordoned area.
• An exclusion zone of [REDACTED] has been established around the affected building with traffic diverted [REDACTED] the cordoned area.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION
• In accordance with the Base Security Improvement Program initiatives, the base emergency response procedures at Lavarack Barracks have recently been tested, with ongoing review and refinement.