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MINOR FLOOD – HMAS FARNCOMB

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

- HMAS *Farncomb* suffered a minor flood caused by a ruptured hose while operating in support of Exercise RIMPAC 2012.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:

- The morning of 25 July 2012 in the RIMPAC Exercise Area off Hawaii.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- Standard pre-planned procedures were immediately executed and the situation was dealt with quickly, the submarine surfacing as part of the normal response.
- There were no casualties and HMAS *Farncomb* is proceeding into port to conduct repairs.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The submarine was dived and operating at periscope depth when a hose ruptured. Crew members within the compartment raised the alarm and the submarine immediately surfaced following well-established procedures for exactly this situation. The ruptured hose was isolated when hull valves throughout the submarine were immediately shut as part of those procedures. The submarine is returning to Pearl Harbor to effect repairs. There was no injury to personnel and no damage to other systems.

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