DEBRIS FALLING FROM HAMMER HEAD CRANE – GARDEN ISLAND

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

• A rectangular piece of metal, approximately 55mm long, 45mm wide and 1-2mm thick, landed on the flight deck of a ship berthed at Fleet Base East.
• It is assessed that the object is likely to have fallen from the Hammer Head Crane and may have been worked loose by recent high winds.
• No injuries were sustained.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:

• 1300 24 October 2012.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

• Defence Support and Reform Group, which is responsible for managing the crane, has been informed and an inspection of the crane’s catch plates and the crane itself is being arranged.
• An exclusion zone remains in place directly under the crane and will be extended if winds increase.
• Comcare and Navy Work Health and Safety reporting requirements have been met.