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DEBRIS FALLING FROM HAMMER HEAD CRANE AT FLEET BASE EAST

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

- A small rectangular piece of metal has been found on a ship berthed at Fleet Base East.
- The object likely fell from the adjacent Hammer Head Crane.
- There have been previous instances of similar nature, the last being 24 October 2012.
- No injuries were sustained.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:

- 31 January 2013.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- Comcare has attended the site and conducted an assessment. Comcare has now issued an Oral Prohibition Order which includes an exclusion zone within a 6m radius of the crane.
- The enforced exclusion zone now precludes the use of two ship berths at Fleet Base East.
- This limitation has resulted in a large Navy vessel having to be berthed at Chowder Bay in lieu of Fleet Base East.
- Comcare and Navy Workplace Health and Safety reporting requirements have been met.

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