



## Introduction

I am privileged to introduce the third publication of the ‘Geddes Papers’. Our vision at the Australian Command and Staff College is promoting excellence in war-fighting and developing quality leaders. In meeting this vision and nurturing the leaders of the future, it is vital that we instil in our course members a thorough understanding of Australian, regional and international defence and security matters; a knowledge of the issues currently facing, and the ability to conceptualise those issues which may face, our military leaders; and the ability to think strategically and innovatively in not only applying military force at the operational level, but to develop and apply defence policy at the strategic level.

The 2005 Geddes Papers features a selection of papers from the Class of 2005 who have written on a wide range of subjects demonstrating their analytical and conceptual skills, and their ability to understand the complex and evolving strategic environment in which we operate.

I am very impressed with the high standard of course members selected to attend the ACSC, and I am proud to be able to publish a selection of their work. I must also recognise the commitment of my staff in guiding and supporting course members during their time at the College.

I commend this publication to you.

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