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SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES

The Australian Defence Force is committed to sustainable environmental measures in order to minimise potential impacts to the immediate and surrounding environments.

FIRE

With the firing of live ammunition and the use of explosives, Defence takes great care to ensure it mitigates fires as a result of these activities.

Fire Management Plans ensure annual surveys are undertaken at each training area to determine what activities can, and should take place, in the areas to reduce any threat of fire. The Fire Management Plans also prescribe where back burning is conducted and fire breaks are constructed to further reduce the threat of fire.

In addition, live firing is restricted to designated areas to ensure the risk of fire is reduced. Defence uses judgement and experience in firing different types of ammunition in accordance with the weather conditions. For example, some types of ammunition firing will be restricted during periods of high fire danger.

In the instance of a small fire, management controls are on-site to ensure a quick and efficient response. In the unlikely occurrence of a larger fire, troops taking part in the exercise will assist in fire fighting efforts.

