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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 community environments.

NOISE

Additional noise can result from specific activities undertaken in Talisman Saber. Activities include aircraft movements, detonation of munitions, amphibious (marine) craft movement and Defence convoys.

How is noise managed?

Several strategies are employed by Defence that aim to reduce the potential impact of noise on local residents and local habitat. These include:

- **Aircraft:** Aircraft activity is restricted throughout the exercise to ensure noise disruptions are minimal on nearby residents, local habitat and flora and fauna. Aircraft are only permitted to fly at certain times and at specified heights over built-up areas. Aircraft also have specified landing points to reduce the noise impacts within training and surrounding areas.
- **Detonation of munitions:** Throughout Talisman Saber, munitions are detonated and live fire is used as part of on-ground activities. These take place within restricted hours and within specified areas, which are not accessible by the general public.
- **Amphibious (marine) craft restrictions:** Marine craft are used throughout the exercise and have the potential to disturb marine fauna and mammals. In addition to Environmental Clearance Certificates, Defence have several maritime safeguards in place, which restricts marine craft activity to reduce any negative potential impacts on the marine environment. The safeguards must also comply with Commonwealth legislation which protects marine areas.

WASTE

With the influx of personnel, activities and movement throughout the exercise, an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) ensures waste is managed in an environmentally sustainable way and doesn't negatively impact on the local environment.

The EMP outlines how waste will be managed leading up to, throughout and after the exercise has taken place. At the close of the exercise, redeployment is managed on a policy of 'no footprint', with all exercise materials, equipment and debris removed.

