MARRANGAROO TRAINING AREA FIRE

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:
- At 1205h on 16 October 2013, an ordnance disposal exercise being conducted by Air Force Explosive Ordnance Demolition personnel has resulted in a fire on the Marrangaroo Internal Range in the vicinity of Lithgow NSW.
- Initial assessment was that there was no immediate threat to property.
- The exercise involved the approved disposal of malfunctioned explosive ordnance in accordance with standard disposal procedures.
- As of 1100h, 17 October 2013, the NSW Rural Fire Service reported that the fire is now burning out of control and is likely to threaten properties around Clarence and Oaky Park NSW this afternoon.

ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:
- The fire is currently being managed by the NSW Rural Fire Service.
- Air Force will investigate the disposal procedures once the fire has been brought under control and they can access the Marrangaroo Range.