



Quarterly Newsletter – Issue 1



Next Steps for the Initiative, Brigadier Timothy Bayliss

Following consultation with local communities, businesses, representative groups and landholders in the vicinities of Townsville and the Shoalwater Bay Training Area, Defence are pleased to advise the next steps for this important initiative for Australia.

Shoalwater Bay Training Area: Defence will seek to expand and develop the Shoalwater Bay Training Area through the purchase of land from willing sellers. Expansion and enhancement of this renowned training area will support both the Australian and Singapore troops to conduct their training exercises concurrently.

New Training Area near Townsville: Following discussions with the local community, Defence will seek to purchase land from willing sellers at an alternate site, preferably near Greenvale. Defence considers that a training area near Greenvale would best meet Australian Defence Force and Singapore Armed Forces requirements, both now and into the future.

Townsville Field Training Area: Defence will not be seeking to expand the existing Townsville Field Training Area to support this Initiative.

Next Steps: Defence will now carry out due diligence reviews and further engagement with interest holders near Greenvale and Shoalwater Bay Training Area. More information can be found on the [Initiative's website](#).



Message from the Business and Community Liaison

Since being announced earlier this year in June, I have had the opportunity to meet with local industry groups and business owners in Rockhampton and Townsville. My focus has been on establishing these key relationships up front, so that I can continue to hear the views of these regions and keep them informed of our progress. Travelling to Singapore alongside local council members and industry as part of the *Joint Ministers' Business Mission*, in August 2017, allowed me to get to know these representatives even better and introduce them to some key contacts in Singapore. I have also had the pleasure of speaking at the *Townsville Industry Breakfast* and our Defence Liaison Officer, Sean Hawkins, also attended the *Capricornia Major Projects Forum* in September.

Thank you for sharing your ideas on how we can work together to maximise opportunities for local industry. Now that we have a way forward for the Initiative, I am excited to build on these relationships and I look forward to meeting more of you at the upcoming Industry Briefing sessions.

Upcoming Events

Community Walk-ins

[11 December, Townsville & Charters Towers](#)

[13 December, Rockhampton & Marlborough](#)

Drop by to meet with Defence representatives who will answer any questions you have relating to land purchases and the way forward for the Initiative. Check the website for times and locations.

Industry Briefing

[12 December, Townsville](#)

[14 December, Rockhampton](#)

Hosted by Defence, for local businesses, industry representatives and community stakeholders, the briefing will provide an update on implementation activities, timeframes and future tender opportunities.

Keep in touch

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