



PROGRESS CONTINUES IN CENTRAL & NORTHERN QLD

Message from Brigadier Mark Brewer



The Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative will deliver enhanced Defence training areas in Central and North Queensland which are vital to supporting the future capability of the Australian Defence Force and meeting the needs of the Singapore Armed Forces.

As we enter into the second half of 2018, we are focused on purchasing land from willing sellers to expand and further develop the Shoalwater Bay Training Area in Central Queensland and purchasing land to establish a new training area near Greenvale in Northern Queensland

The Department of Defence is focused on the future, designing state of the art training areas to incorporate new advanced technologies such as simulation systems and robotics. This will ensure we have effective and realistic training environments, and that the training areas can adapt to future technologies and challenges over the coming decades.

As the training areas are established we will continue to meet with local communities, providing updates, answering questions and listening to their feedback. I encourage you to keep contacting the Initiative team either by email or phone. We will also be in touch regularly to keep you up to date with how the Initiative is progressing.

Local Industry Capability Plans (LICP) and what it means for local businesses.....

Did you know that the Government is investing more than \$1 billion over the next ten years to get more Australian businesses involved in Defence projects? Local Industry Capability Plans (LICP) will provide local businesses with greater opportunities to benefit from infrastructure and service delivery projects. In April, the Minister for Defence announced that construction works for the Initiative in Queensland will include an LICP.

Community and Industry Engagement

Engaging with local communities and local industry has been a priority for the initiative this year. Over 500 people attended various Defence events in Central and North Queensland from March through to June 2018. Defence has held a series of industry and community events around the Rockhampton, Mackay, and Townsville regions. Details about these events are outlined below.



Keep in touch

Local Engagement:

Email: ASMTI.local@defence.gov.au to request a meeting

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Website: <http://defence.gov.au/initiatives/ASMTI>

Upcoming Events

13-15 June: Rockhampton Show

Our staff will be at the Army stand to answer any questions you have about the Initiative.