



ASMTI NEXT STEPS



A message from the First Assistant Secretary – Infrastructure

It's certainly been a busy quarter for the Initiative. In August, I attended the Defence Construction Industry Briefing in Townsville to provide an update on the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative, and reiterated our commitment to commencing construction of training areas in both Central and North Queensland in 2019. Last month, the Assistant Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon David Fawcett announced the Managing Contractor for the ASMTI Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SWBTA) Facilities project. This was in addition to our ongoing engagement activities in both Central and North Queensland to keep community and industry informed of progress and upcoming opportunities. I look forward to updating you on key project milestones for the Initiative and welcome your input.

Defence's boost to construction in Central Queensland!

The Central Queensland region is set to benefit following the announcement that Laing O'Rourke had secured the Managing Contractor for ASMTI SWBTA Facilities Project. The Central Queensland region will see a significant injection into the regional economy with Laing O'Rourke committed to sourcing 80 per cent of its total contract value locally. Assistant Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon David Fawcett, said "this announcement is a win for Rockhampton and the Shoalwater Bay region. Injecting up to \$660 million into the regional economy over a five-year period, the Project will deliver enhanced military training areas to the Australian Defence Force (ADF) while fostering Australia's close relationship with the Singaporean Armed Forces (SAF)". Laing O'Rourke has developed an extensive Local Industry Capability Plan to ensure local businesses can take advantage of the opportunities arising from this project. Laing O'Rourke will establish a local presence in Rockhampton and has commenced design work. The construction work will commence by the end of 2019 and create local jobs and investment, and support local industry near the SWBTA.



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Enhancing Defence Capability through 'Next Generation' Training Areas

Globally, we continue to see rapid advancements in the area of digitisation and technological innovation. The enhancement of Defence training areas remain vital for future capability of the ADF, and the new capabilities and platforms coming online over the next decade. Brigadier Mark Brewer highlights that, "We need to look past the earthworks, cement and steel that have typified our range developments towards networks and systems integration – that is the approach that will see us through the next three to four decades". "Procuring large land spaces and setting up few firing ranges, camp accommodation and basic urban facilities like the way it's been done in the past won't allow us to prepare for the challenges of the future. We need to deliver rich, complex training environments to prepare our troops for the tasks ahead. ASMTI is about investing and building enhanced training areas in Central and North Queensland to meet these training needs," he said.

Upcoming events

As we progress towards the end of 2018, there will be a number of key activities and engagements on the horizon.

Check the website for additional upcoming events and locations.



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