

Queensland Impact Factsheet

Factsheet on the state-wide impacts of the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative, drawn from KPMG's Socio-Economic Impact Assessment.



New investment of around **\$2 billion** into the state during the development of the training facilities could lead to:



A net increase of up to **\$50.3 million** in annual income and support up to **591 new jobs** across Queensland during development.



A net increase of up to **\$20.5 million** in annual income, and support up to **147 new jobs** across the state when the new training facilities are fully operational.

Major findings

Economic

The KPMG study has found that Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative (the Initiative), which will result in around **\$2 billion** invested in Queensland, could create up to **591 new jobs** during the development phase from 2019-2026 and support up to **147 new jobs** when the facilities are up and running.

The Initiative is also estimated to provide an annual income boost to the State of up to **\$50.3 million** per year during the development phase and an ongoing annual economic benefit of up to **\$20.5 million** once the facilities are operational.¹ These net benefits account for any negative impact to any other industries, including to the agricultural sector, in Queensland as a result of the Initiative.

Community Sentiment

Overall there is recognition that the Initiative could deliver significant employment opportunities for local workers and businesses, particularly in construction and tourism, but there is concern over potential barriers to participation. Concurrently, there is uncertainty with respect to the flow-on effects for smaller communities and businesses as a result of a reduction in the agricultural sector and its supporting industry. There is generally an understanding of the strategic importance of the Initiative and its role in building a strong relationship with Singapore.

What is the ASMTI?

The Initiative will provide increased access to Australian military training areas for the Singapore Armed Forces, building on Australia and Singapore's existing Defence cooperation.

What is the Socio-Economic Impact Assessment?

The Socio-Economic Impact Assessment is a study conducted by KPMG to understand the potential social and economic impacts of enhancing Defence training areas in the Fitzroy² and Townsville regions as part of the Initiative.³

Why was it conducted?

The Socio-Economic Impact Assessment is an important input for Defence's planning, particularly as it develops options to enhance the training area in Central and North Queensland under the Initiative. The insights gained from the study will allow Defence to make informed and considered planning decisions.

Where can I read the full report?

It is available at: www.defence.gov.au/Initiatives/ASMTI

Contact: Singapore.Training@defence.gov.au

¹ As measured by gross state product (GSP).

² The Fitzroy Statistical Region is an Australian Bureau of Statistics SA4 level region, which includes Livingstone, Marlborough, Stanage Bay, Central Highlands, Rockhampton, Banana and Gladstone.

³ This analysis was conducted independently, using data provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Department of Defence. KPMG utilised a whole-of-economy model, which captures all industries in the local regions, increased investment and construction activity, increased expenditure relating to the additional troop training activity and a loss of agricultural production.