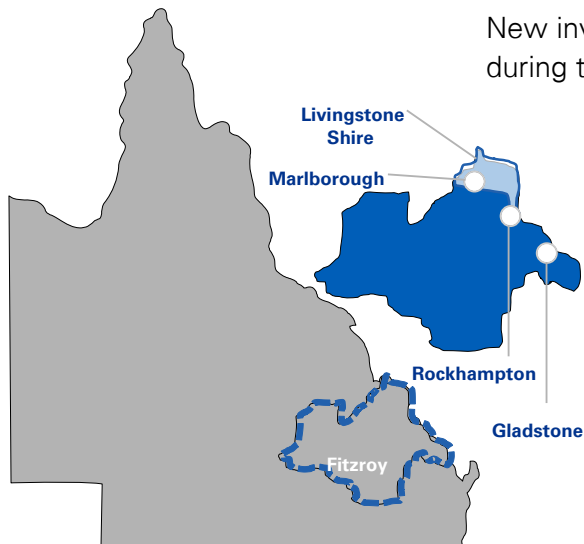


Shoalwater Bay Region Impact Factsheet

Factsheet on the impacts of the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative in the Shoalwater Bay Region, drawn from KPMG's Socio Economic Impact Assessment



New investment of around **\$1 billion** into the Fitzroy region¹ during the development of the training facilities could lead to:



A net increase of up to **\$15.9 million** in annual income and support up to **219 new jobs** in Fitzroy during development.



A net increase of up to **\$7.3 million** in annual income, and support up to **68 new jobs** across the region when the new training facilities are fully operational.

Major findings

Economic

The KPMG study has found that the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative (the Initiative), which will result in around **\$2 billion** invested in Queensland, could create up to **219 new jobs** for the Fitzroy region during the development phase and support up to **68 new jobs** when the facilities are up and running.

The Initiative is estimated to provide an annual income boost to the Fitzroy region of up to **\$15.9 million** per year during the development phase and an ongoing economic benefit of up to **\$7.3 million** a year once the facilities are operational.² These net benefits account for any negative impact to other industries, including to the agricultural sector, in the Fitzroy region.

Community Sentiment

There are mixed feelings associated with the Initiative across the Fitzroy region. Rockhampton showed a strong recognition of the potential economic opportunities with an acknowledgment there may be some negative impact due to lost agricultural activity. Marlborough is expected to be one of the communities most affected by the loss of agricultural activities and local business expressed concerns about economic viability due to this loss. This was consistent with Yeppoon and Livingstone Shire, although these communities also recognised the opportunities that could arise if they could be fully realised. Gladstone recognised the opportunities that may arise to utilise infrastructure already invested in and arrest a challenging economic environment.

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 Fitzroy 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 For the purpose of this factsheet and the SEIA Report the Shoalwater Bay Region is referred to as the Fitzroy Statistical Region, which reflects the Australian Bureau of Statistics SA4 level region. This SA4 region includes Livingstone, Marlborough, Stanage Bay, Central Highlands, Rockhampton, Banana and Gladstone.

² As measured by gross state product (GSP).

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.