



IPACE Infrastructure Directorate

Blackrock Camp - Fiji

As part of the Australian Government's Pacific Step-up, the Department of Defence partnered with Fiji to redevelop Blackrock Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Camp (Blackrock Camp) for the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.



KEY PROJECT DELIVERABLES

The delivery of the Blackrock Camp redevelopment contained the following key elements.

- **Planning and design (commenced in August 2018):**
Defence worked collaboratively with an experienced industry partner to understand Fiji's user requirements and ensure that the plan and design of Blackrock Camp met those needs.
- **Early works (completed in December 2019):**
Defence awarded a contract to a local Fijian company to undertake bulk earthworks and access control works (perimeter fencing) to prepare the site for the safe and secure commencement of main works.
- **Main works (completed in January 2022):**
Defence awarded a contract to an Australian company to build Blackrock Camp with over 1100 locally-employed workers. The works included a headquarters building; front entrance and guard house; logistics precinct (including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief warehouse); and lecture/classroom facilities; medical facility; living-in accommodation; sports field; physical training facilities; and parade ground.
- **Official opening (held March 2022):**
The Blackrock Camp redevelopment was officially opened by Fijian Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama on 14 March 2022.

For more information visit:

<https://www.defence.gov.au/programs-initiatives/pacific-engagement/blackrock-camp-fiji>



INCREASES ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

A key objective of construction at Blackrock Camp was to maximise Fijian industry and commercial involvement to benefit the local economy. The project generated:

- **33 months** of major construction activity;
- **\$35 million FJD (\$22.9 million AUD)** value of local labour, materials and plant during construction works; and
- **1502 total workforce inductions**, with proportion of local population in the workforce comprising of 1495 persons or 95.5%.

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CONNECTIVITY

Defence constructed Blackrock Camp in consultation with Fiji, with environmental sustainability in mind.

This included:

- **28% of total energy consumption** provided by a renewable energy source;
- **low energy lighting** by a comprehensive use of LED light fittings throughout the Camp;
- **43% of total water consumption** provided by an alternative water source (Water Tanks);
- **88 tons** of construction waste recycled; and
- **a range of design features** to improve the buildings' thermal performance.

INCREASE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS JOBS, DEVELOPING SKILLS AND WORK IN SAFE AND HEALTHY CONDITIONS.

- **144** Workplace Health & Safety audits.
- **Significant reduction** of lost time injuries and near misses.
- **Increased percentage of women** inducted as a proportion of total workforce inductions.

Personnel from the RFMF and Defence have worked side by side to complete the project, along with Australian and local industry support. Australia will continue to support Fiji's intent to operationalise Blackrock Camp as a regional centre of excellence.



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