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SEXUAL MISCONDUCT IN DEFENCE

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Strategic Narrative

Sexual misconduct, including sexual assault, is not tolerated in Defence. Where allegations of sexual misconduct are raised and the victim wishes to take the matter forward, Defence takes action and is committed to holding offenders to account.

As with the broader Australian community, the Defence community is impacted by sexual misconduct.

Defence maintains a victim-centric approach meaning that it takes action based on the wishes of the victim.

Defence can take a range of action in response to sexual misconduct and is committed to holding offenders to account for their actions.

Defence is focused on prevention, response and ensuring victims feel safe to report sexual misconduct and have access to support services.

Cultural reform initiatives continue to focus on applying our Defence Values and Behaviours, supporting our people, encouraging reporting and raising awareness of issues. Defence also ensures access to reliable investigative, support and management options.

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