

Recommendations

Recommendation 1

4.8 The committee recommends that, in consultation with the local councils, Defence review its mechanisms for communication and coordination in the Fitzroy and Townsville regions to ensure the most effective flow of information including plans which may generate potential business opportunities.

Recommendation 2

4.10 The committee recommends that Defence make information available to local communities about Defence expenditure in the area.

Recommendation 3

4.13 The committee recommends that Defence commission an independent economic impact assessment of the loss of rateable land which would result from the proposed expansions in these areas.

Recommendation 4

4.22 The committee recommends that Defence review its formal mechanisms for communication and coordination in the areas around the Shoalwater Bay Training Area to ensure that:

- as much information about upcoming training exercises is being disseminated to the local community with as much advance notice as possible; and**
- that a contact point regarding local exercises is available on an ongoing basis and this information is disseminated regularly.**

