

## HAVE YOUR SAY – IMPACT OF DEFENCE ACTIVITIES

Regional Development Australia Far North (RDAFN), is preparing a submission for the Parliamentary Inquiry into the impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities, and wants community input via an online survey.

Claire Wiseman, Chief Executive Officer said that community and business input into this survey is important. “In order for us to paint a real picture of the impacts of Defence activities that are carried out at the Cultana Training Facility, we want to hear first-hand from the community and businesses as to what they see as the positive and negative impacts.”

The Parliamentary Inquiry, which closes on 28 April 2017, is focused on economic, social and environmental impacts, consultation and communication, investment in new facilities and infrastructure, utilisation of local suppliers and any other matters.

“Two surveys have been prepared, with one focussing on businesses that were involved in the workshops held in 2014, which provided information on local tendering and contract opportunities, and the other one focussing on gathering information from other businesses and the general public.”

“The results of the surveys will enable RDAFN to report against the effectiveness of past processes and approaches and will assist in changes being made to future ones.” Ms Wiseman said.

Further information and the survey link is available from <http://www.rdafn.com.au/publications> with the survey closing at 5pm on Monday 17 April 2017.

RDAFN have recently sent in submissions for other Parliamentary Inquiries including the mobile telephone coverage programme, telecommunication universal service obligations, SA extreme weather event, transitioning regional economies and the location of corporate Commonwealth entities. Copies of these are available from <http://www.rdafn.com.au/submissions>

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