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The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is committed to ensuring the Australian public and stakeholders have an informed understanding of the activities, potential environmental impacts and mitigation strategies to be employed throughout Talisman Sabre 2015 (TS15) and the opportunity to raise any questions, concerns or considerations.

Exercise Talisman Sabre 2015

Exercise Talisman Sabre 2015 is a biennial military exercise which combines Australian and United States (US) air, land and maritime forces. It is the largest joint military exercise undertaken by the ADF.

Talisman Sabre 2015 (TS15) will be the sixth time the Exercise has been conducted and will involve up to 30,000 Australian and US participants. Scheduled to take place during July 2015, TS15 will be conducted at training areas in the Northern Territory and Queensland as well as the Timor, Arafura and Coral Seas.

The Exercise provides a critical opportunity to improve combat training, readiness and interoperability between Australian and US Forces. It provides invaluable experience to ADF personnel, exposing participants to a wide spectrum of military capabilities and training experiences, and is part of troop certification for deployment.

Public Environment Report

The TS15 Public Environment Report (PER) communicates to the Australian public and stakeholders the planned activities for TS15 and ADF’s overall commitment to the environment during the Exercise. The TS15 PER identifies potential environmental impacts associated with conducting the Exercise and outlines the controls to minimise risks to the environment.

Public comment on the TS15 PER

The draft PER for TS15 has been released and is available for public review and comment. To view the draft TS15 PER, visit www.aecom.com/talismanssabre2015 or contact the project team to request a copy. Submissions can be made via the telephone hotline, email, reply paid post or website using the details provided below.

Submissions must be received by 21 November 2014. The submissions received during the public comment period will be considered and addressed in the Final PER.

Visit a Staffed Information Session

For further information on Exercise TS15, the TS15 PER and the public consultation process, visit one of the staffed information sessions being held in Darwin.

Visit a Static Information Display

Information on the TS15 PER, including copies of the PER and fact sheets, is also available at the following locations from now until Friday 21 November 2014.

Location Date and Time Venue
Darwin Thursday 30 October 2014 2pm – 5pm Casuarina Square, 247 Trower Road
Palmerston Saturday 1 November 2014 10am – 1pm Palmerston Shopping Centre, 22 Temple Terrace

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