



PUBLIC NOTICE

Assessment on Preliminary Documentation under section 95 of the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for the Enhanced Land Force Stage 2C - Greenbank Training Area Project, Greenbank, Queensland

The Department of Defence proposes to upgrade and develop a number of facilities at Greenbank Training Area (GBTA) as part of the Enhanced Land Force (ELF) Stage 2C Project. The ELF initiative was the outcome of a Commonwealth Government directive to increase the size of the Australian Army in response to forecast operational requirements. ELF is a direct federal Government funded project and was approved by the Parliamentary Standing Committee for Public Works in November 2009.

The scope of works at GBTA as referred for approval under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) includes:

1. An upgrade to and extension of the existing Battle Shooting Range (BSR) to a Marksmanship Training Range - B (MTR-B);
2. A Safe Driver Training Area (SDTA) and Engineer Training Precinct, in a previously cleared area formerly used as an antenna farm;
3. A new Range Control compound and associated new entry road from Goodna Road on the south-western side of GBTA;
4. New working accommodation for 25/49 Royal Queensland Regiment; and
5. New 320-person training camp accommodation at the existing Accommodation Area L.

Following referral to the Australian Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the project was determined to be a controlled action under the EPBC Act requiring an Assessment on Preliminary Documentation. The identification number assigned to the action by the department is 2011/5896. The controlling provisions for the action under the EPBC Act are:

- Sections 18 & 18A (Listed threatened species and communities)
- Section 28 (Commonwealth actions)

Pursuant to section 95 of the EPBC Act the draft preliminary documentation is available for public comment for 20 business days from 1 October 2011 until 28 October 2011 and is available at the following locations, or can be viewed electronically at: www.pointpm.com.au/greenbankepbcreferral/

- Greenbank Library, 145-147 Teviot Road, Greenbank, QLD 4124
- State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank QLD 4101
- Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPaC), John Gorton Building, King Edward Terrace, Parkes, ACT, 2600.

Persons with special needs may contact Point Project Management on (07) 3119 7000 or greenbankepbcreferral@pointpm.com.au for assistance with accessing the draft preliminary documentation.

The Department of Defence invites you to comment on the Preliminary Documentation before 5:00pm AEST 28 October 2011. Please note that submissions will not be received after this time. Submissions relating to the referral documentation should be provided through the following contacts:

Email: greenbankepbcreferral@pointpm.com.au
Post: Point Project Management
Unit 4F, 182 Robertson St
Fortitude Valley QLD 4006
Fax: (02) 6169 3227