

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR DEFENCE FORCE RESERVES**

The Western Australian (WA) Department of Health values the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Reserves. WA Health employs a range of clinical and administrative staff, who are in the ADF Health Reserves. The Department acknowledges the key and unique role these health staff play in the support of troops overseas, particularly in light of the dramatic increase in the deployment rate of the ADF health personnel over the last 10 years, with deployments to the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Afghanistan, Iraq, Indonesia and Malaysia in both peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance roles.

The Department also acknowledge the real benefits of the ADF Reservists' training. WA Health recognises the multitude of skills, including leadership, teamwork and organisational skills, which are enhanced by this training and which contribute to achievement of the Department's vision of a safe, high quality, sustainable health system for all Western Australians.

WA Health is a strong supporter of the Defence Reserves Support Council and its activities. I strongly encourage all areas of WA Health to support the participation of their staff as volunteers in the ADF Reserves.



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