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### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION IN JERVIS BAY**

#### **NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:**

- The local National Park authority in the Jervis Bay area has reported they have temporarily closed a beach within the bay due to a small amount of environmental contamination causing some water discolouration.
- RAN and foreign naval ships have recently been in the local area as part of Exercise Triton Centenary.
- The source of the contaminant has yet to be confirmed.

#### **THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:**

- Tuesday 15 October 2013

#### **ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:**

- Contaminating substance has been described as having small black particles and a slightly oily texture.
- Water samples have been taken by Defence Support Group Environmental Officers and National Park representatives in order to determine the source of the contaminant.
- National Park officers advise that substance will likely clear with water and tidal movements.
- Navy has commenced its own quick assessment.

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