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### **FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF RAAF WILLIAMTOWN**

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

- The NSW Rural Fire Service is currently fighting a fire at Heatherbrae in the vicinity of Williamtown, NSW.
- Some parts of RAAF Base Williamtown have been evacuated due to the threat from the fire.
- The runway has also been closed due to poor visibility and water bombing activities in the area. All military aircraft have been recovered to the airfield.
- As RAAF Base Williamtown is shared with Newcastle Airport, civil flights have been affected. Civil aircraft may still land, at the aircraft Captain's discretion, however the aircraft will be unable to depart until the runway is reopened.

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

- The incident occurred on 17 October 2013.

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

- The fire is currently being managed by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

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