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Subject: CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT CAPTAIN REPORTED ARMED PERSONNEL AT RAAF WILLIAMTOWN
Comment:
Group: Army

Civilian Aircraft Captain Reported Armed Personnel at RAAF Williamtown

NATURE OF THE INCIDENT:

- It is alleged that Army members pointed weapons at the Newcastle Airport Passenger Terminal and an aircraft.

THE DATE AND TIME OF THE INCIDENT:

- The incident occurred at 1430 on 8 April 2014 at RAAF Williamtown.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- An Army unit is conducting a training exercise at RAAF Williamtown.
- A Virgin Blue Aircraft Captain reported to Air Traffic Control that he saw personnel pointing weapons at the civilian terminal. The Captain later reported he saw personnel pointing weapons at an aircraft.
- The members were directed to move away from the area and a review of video surveillance confirmed weapons were not pointed at aircraft.
- The training exercise is being conducted 1.5 km from the civilian terminal and live armmunition is not being used.
- Newcastle media were advised of the exercise in advance and advertising of the training activity has occurred locally since 4 Apr 14.

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