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Defence assistance for Bushfire crisis

This is rather long, but if you are interested in what the ADF has and is doing with regard to the bushfires, then this is a summary.

It comes from Ray Payne OAM who runs a network for defence and ex-defence people.

The following has been doing the rounds and deserves further dissemination in light of the current deplorable and biased reporting by the media and the lack of knowledge by most of the community:

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) has been working with Emergency Management Australia to **assist with firefighting efforts** since directed by the Minister on November 8.

The ADF is providing the following support:

- From November 17 to December 15, The Army provided logistical support for 250 firefighters at the RFS staging ground in the Northern Rivers Region.
- From November 12, the Lismore Depot of the 41st Battalion, Royal New South Wales Regiment, has been available to provide logistical support to firefighters from outside the region.
- New South Wales RFS have multiple large aerial tankers and spotter aircraft at RAAF Base Richmond.
- Since November 29, HMAS Albatross has helped with water refuelling and retardant loading of aircraft from the Nowra Naval Air Station.
- From November 8 to December 22, The Air Force is providing airlift support to move large groups of firefighters and their equipment.
- From November 26 to December 23, The Army is providing NSW RFS with ground logistic support for the movement of vehicles, stores and equipment in the Casino and Hawkesbury areas.
- From December 3 to January 26, The Army is providing support at Marrangaroo Training Area to NSW RFS helicopter assets and personnel.
- From December 3-16, The Army is providing logistics support at Marrangaroo Training Area to NSW Rural Fire Service assets and personnel.
- 41st Battalion, Royal NSW Regiment, will support RFS Casino flight line with loading of fire retardant at Casino airport.
- On December 10, a Royal Australian Navy helicopter provided support to NSW RFS to fly day and night missions from Naval Air Station.

- Defence is hosting refuelling assets. This support is on an as-required basis.
- A Royal Australian Air Force 737 Boeing business jet transported ACT Rural Fire Service firefighters from Canberra to North Coast on November 8.
- A Royal Australian Air Force C-130J Hercules aircraft transported firefighters and their equipment from Adelaide to North Coast on November 9.
- A Royal Australian Air Force C-130J Hercules aircraft transported firefighters and their equipment from Hobart to North Coast on November 10.
- A Royal Australian Air Force KC-30A multi-role tanker transport aircraft transported 150 firefighters on November 14.
- Two Royal Australian Air Force KC-30A multi-role tanker transport aircraft transported 258 firefighters and their personal equipment on November 15.
- A Royal Australian Air Force C-17A Globemaster aircraft transported 165 firefighters and their equipment, using two flights, from Melbourne to Coffs Harbour on November 17.
- The same aircraft then transported an additional 130 firefighters and their equipment from Coffs Harbour to Melbourne on November 18.
- A Royal Australian Air Force C-17A Globemaster aircraft transported 130 firefighters from Melbourne to RAAF Base Richmond on November 19.
- A Royal Australian Air Force C-130J Hercules aircraft transported 140 firefighters and their equipment from Melbourne to Coffs Harbour on November 20.
- A Royal Australian Air Force C-130J Hercules aircraft transported 167 firefighters and their equipment from Coffs Harbour to Melbourne on November 21.
- On November 18, 21 and 22, Army supported Queensland Fire and Emergency Services helicopter operations at Borneo Barracks, near Toowoomba. This support is now complete.
- From November 11-13, Singleton Army Barracks provided accommodation and catering support to about 200 firefighters from the Victorian Country Fire Authority.
- From November 12-14, two MRH-90 Taipan helicopters from the Royal Australian Navy and two S-70 Black Hawk helicopters from the Australian Army provided movements for Rural Fire Service strike teams.
- From November 12-13, the Royal Australian Navy provided two MH-60R Seahawk helicopters to fly night missions from Sydney and Coffs Harbour to facilitate the operation of Rural Fire Service air observers.
- Two EC135 helicopters from the Royal Australian Navy and two S-70 Black Hawk helicopters from the Australian Army flew in support of New South Wales Rural Fire Service impact assessments on November 14. This support is now complete.
- From November 12-16, RAAF Base Williamstown provided refuelling and water re-supply support to a large aerial tanker from the New South Wales Rural Fire Service.
- From November 13-23, RAAF Base Richmond provided accommodation and catering support for varying numbers of between 150 and 300 firefighters.
- From November 18-19, the Army's Borneo Barracks near Toowoomba

established a helicopter-landing site, overnight parking and refuelling capability for firefighting and support to civilian rotary-wing aircraft.

- On November 21, a New South Wales Rural Fire Service large aerial tanker was refuelled at RAAF Base Edinburgh after a mission was completed in South Australia.
- On November 26, RAAF Base Gingin provided 18,900 litres of water to two water bombers fighting a fire in the vicinity of Yanchep.
- On December 3-4, HMAS Albatross provided catering and accommodation for RFS NSW at Naval Air Station Nowra.

This support is been provided in a co-ordinated fashion in conjunction with the State Governments.

<https://news.defence.gov.au/national/defence-continues-bushfire-support?fbclid=IwAR2SPsJo8AAlyJHdwDk4tcVrInkHs280H7Qc5May-e9AZ-7nbICCHU-61U>