

## **5.11 Summary of Australian Defence Force Arrangements: DFACA and DACC**

### **Defence Force Aid to Civilian Authorities (DFACA)**

- 5.11.1 DFACA is the provision of Australian Defence Force assistance to civil law enforcement authorities (eg Police) in the performance of law enforcement tasks. Most commonly used for counter-terrorism, DFACA arrangements can also be used for other purposes. In certain circumstances, Australian Defence Force personnel employed on DFACA tasking may be armed and authorised to use lethal force.
- 5.11.2 Requests for assistance under DFACA are made in writing to the authorising Ministers (the Prime Minister, the Minister for Defence and the Attorney-General) by the Premier, through the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Police. The Director State Emergency Service should also be informed of any DFACA requests to allow for coordination with any other requests for Commonwealth assistance, and further communications (where information security conditions permit).

### **Defence Assistance to Civilian Communities (DACC)**

- 5.11.3 Assistance under DACC is classified in 6 categories and is either for emergency (Categories 1-3) or non-emergency situations (Categories 4-6). A summary of these categories is provided below for information only as requests should not be made specifically for assistance under the DACC arrangements. Generally, any requests for Commonwealth assistance should be focused on the outcome that the jurisdiction is seeking assistance with. The relevant Commonwealth agency will identify the appropriate arrangement/s that apply.
- 5.11.4 Specifically, assistance provided under DACC provisions are managed using COMDISPLAN arrangements. The provision of this assistance is underpinned by a set of principles that are considered each time a request is made by the Commonwealth. They are based on the Commonwealth being satisfied that the jurisdiction's resources and capability are likely to be inadequate and/or exhausted in response/community recovery operations (ie assistance under DACC is the exception, not the rule).

**DACC Categories 1-6 Emergency and Non-Emergency Assistance**

Details	EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			NON-EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE		
	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5	Category 6
What it's for	Emergency assistance of a minor nature (ie can be provided from local military commander's own resources)	Emergency assistance beyond Category 1	Assistance associated with managing consequences of the emergency	Non-emergency assistance	Non-emergency assistance of a minor nature ie can be provided from local military commander's own resources	Non-emergency assistance to civil authorities eg Police
When it can be requested	Localised emergency situations that directly threaten life or property and support is not expected to be required for more than 24 hours	Continuing/ more extensive emergency operations where support is anticipated to be required for more than 24 hours	Assistance is not directly related to the saving of life or property, but can be requested as an extension of Category 2 assistance	Various, including assistance with law enforcement tasks.		
Tasmanian Liaison	Senior Officer for response Management Authority	Director State Emergency Service	Director State Emergency Service	Director State Emergency Service	Director State Emergency Service	State Controller or delegate
Defence Liaison	Manager, Joint Operation Support Staff (JOSS) Anglesea Barracks, Hobart	Emergency Management Australia, AGD	Emergency Management Australia, AGD	Emergency Management Australia, AGD	Manager, Joint Operation Support Staff (JOSS) Anglesea Barracks, Hobart	Emergency Management Australia, AGD
Cost Recovery	Not required	Not required	Required	Required	Required	Required
Other Notes	Advice of assistance must be provided to the Director State Emergency Service	N/A	State must meet indemnity and insurance requirements	Requesting organisation must meet indemnity and insurance requirements. Advice of assistance should be provided to the Director State Emergency Service.		