

# DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT

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## 1. Application

This policy applies to the conduct of all defence force training exercises on all lands and waters managed by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM). The policy sets out the types of training that may occur on the categories of land and water managed by CALM, and the conditions they may operate under.

## 2. Background

Defence force training occurs at various times on lands and waters managed by CALM. There are also extended opportunities for defence force activities on vacant Crown land (VCL). The Department's responsibility in relation to VCL is restricted to protection of flora and fauna in accordance with the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* and the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*.

### **Types of defence force training**

Defence force training on CALM-managed estate is mostly an activity of the Australian Army, but can include occasional Air Force and Navy activity. Activities can range from movements by individual soldiers or small groups practising survival techniques, to major operations involving one or more battalions (800+ troops). CALM has recognised five levels of activity, which are set out in appendix I This policy is guided by these levels.

### **Defence force administration of training**

Defence force training is undertaken by all sections of the defence force, working in units of various sizes to co-ordinate its own activities, the Defence Headquarters for Western Australia (named Defence Centre Perth or DC-P) co-ordinates all defence force training exercises (DC-P can be contacted on 09-311 221 facsimile 09-311 2620). This provides a means of ensuring that defence force units meet CALM's requirements for the use of CALM-managed land, and that problems can be resolved should they arise.

Each defence force unit has a designated unit training coordinator, who will be the primary contact with the Department in planning and monitoring training exercises on public land. Ultimate responsibility for defence force activities for each unit lies with the commanding officer of that unit.

## **3. Basis**

**This policy recognises that defence force training is an acceptable use of some CALM managed lands and waters. Exercises of different sizes may be accommodated subject to permission and conditions. Variations to this policy may be granted under special conditions at the discretion of the Regional or District Manager or Director Regional Services.**

However defence force training activities can conflict with the conservation objectives and recreational values of CALM-managed estate. For this reason, some activity types are not generally appropriate in certain categories of CALM-managed lands and waters such as nature reserves.

Defence force training activities will be assessed on an individual basis, so that the particular requirements of each exercise can be considered, impacts assessed and appropriate conditions applied.

The 2 key principles of this policy are to (a) minimise environmental damage and (b) minimise risk and disturbance to other public users. In cases where unacceptable damage is likely, exercises will not be approved. The Department, as the manager of the land, may grant the defence forces permission for its activities subject to appropriate conditions. Failure to comply with the conditions may cause CALM to withdraw its necessary approval for the exercise to take place on land managed by CALM.

## **4. Policy**

#### **4.1 General**

1. Defence force training can be an acceptable activity on CALM-managed lands and waters, although the defence force have no special rights
2. Different levels of defence force training activity are permitted on various categories of CALM-managed lands and waters in accordance with Table 1.
3. Applications for defence force training will be assessed individually on their merits, taking into account the land use category of the proposed area, the nature, quality and condition of the land and the nature and extent of the activity proposed.
4. Use of areas for defence force training will be considered when preparing or reviewing management plans.
5. The Department will encourage co-operation with the defence force to ensure that damage caused by training exercises is minimised. The Department will assist the defence force in preparing information for troops on appropriate codes of behaviour on CALM-managed land.
6. Defence force exercises that assist the Department in its land management function (e.g. minor construction projects) will be encouraged provided that the Department's workforce is not disadvantaged. Agreement must be obtained from the relevant unions prior to the commencement of any projects where demarcation disputes are likely.
7. The Department will set fees to recover costs for the preparation of permits and any related investigations or inspections. Fees or charges will not be levied for use of the land resource, but may be levied for use of Departmental facilities (e.g. camping areas) where the public pays an equivalent fee. Fees will be set according to Departmental policy and will be waived in those instances where work is being carried out on the Department's behalf.
8. Areas (including roads) will generally not be closed to the public for defence force training exercises. Exercises must be designed to accommodate the presence of the public except where safety concerns are such to require short term exclusion of the public.
9. Evaluation of any proposed exercise will give due consideration to the protection of flora and fauna values. Exercises that may threaten wildlife populations (particularly threatened or specially protected species) will not be approved. Alternative locations may be suggested.
10. Training exercises will be permitted subject to the conditions set out in appendix 2, and to additional conditions specific to the exercise, as required by the Regional or District Manager or Director Regional Services. AR exercises and conditions must be in accordance with Departmental policies and codes of practice.

11. Compensation by way of a security specified in the conditions is payable by the defence force if damage occurs to CALM-managed land or to any Departmental facilities upon it. The defence force will (by %VI agreement to the conditions of each exercise) indemnify the Department against third party claims and for all losses and damages incurred in relation to the exercise.
12. Where an activity relates to the statutory responsibility of the defence force (e.g. placement or maintenance of a facility, maritime survey or mapping by the Navy) the activity or facility should be assessed in accordance with policies and legislation applying to the particular land use category.
13. Where a defence force unit proposes to engage a commercial operator to lead guided leisure and instruction activities and the proposal conforms with the licence conditions of the licensed guided leisure and instruction operator then permission may be granted under that policy. If the proposal does not conform then permission, if appropriate, must be granted under this policy

**Table 1. Defence force training activities on various categories of CALM-managed land**

CALM Land Category	Level 1*		Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
	Adventure	Bushcraft				
nature reserves**	A	A	D	X	X	X
national parks and conservation parks **	A	A	A	X	X	X
marine parks & marine nature reserves	A	A	D	X	X	X
State forest and timber reserves	A	A	A	D	D	D
section 5g reserves	A	A	A	D	D	D
miscellaneous	A	A	A	D	D	D

\* Levels defined in Appendix I

\*\* Carriage and use of firearms and ammunition is not permitted unless by special arrangement with the Regional or District Manager

A Training permitted at the discretion of the Regional or District Manager

D Training only permitted subject to Director approval

## **4.2 Training in Conservation Reserves**

Irrespective of the description or category of training exercise (e.g. bushcraft, survival, navigation), following activities are generally not acceptable exercises in national parks, conservation parks, marine parks, nature reserves, marine nature reserves or Section 5 (g) conservation or recreation reserves.

- camping involving digging or soil disturbance, use of fire, rubbish disposal or construction of temporary toilets;
- group maneuvers involving large numbers of personnel;
- damaging, cutting (e.g. for camouflage or concealment of personnel and equipment) or destroying vegetation;
- carrying and use of forms, ammunition or pyrotechnics;
- taking vehicles off roads and tracks (e.g. in deployment procedures);
- use of roads and tracks by heavy vehicles (except for logging roads where conditions are suitable);
- use of support or transport aircraft or power boats;
- survival training involving collecting and consuming native plants and animals regarded as 'bush tucker'
- use of domestic animals (e.g. dogs or pack animals)
- building fortifications, weapons pits or other structures.

## **5. Procedure**

### **5.1 Applications**

1. The defence force unit or unit training coordinator must make written application to the Regional or District Manager at least three months before the proposed exercise.
2. If a series of similar exercises are to be undertaken by the one unit or a group of related units, a single application may be made for the series, and a single approval may be issued for the series. All exercises in the series would then be subject to the same conditions. The application and approval should state the number of exercises proposed, the time period covered and the interval between exercises.
3. The Region or District must forward copies of applications for Level 2 or higher activities to the Director Regional Services immediately on receipt of the application for consideration and approval.

### **5.2 Assessment of applications**

1. Applications should be assessed, ensuring that:
  - the level of the exercise is appropriate to the land category (Table 1);
  - the exercise is appropriate to the physical and natural conditions of the proposed site;
  - the site is not being over-used by repeated exercises or similar activities;

- the exercise is organised to minimise environmental damage and the chance of unintended damage;
  - effects on other land users, including the public and licensees, are acceptable and minimised;
  - effects on flora and fauna are acceptable and minimised.
2. The Region should maintain a map of areas suitable for defence force exercises and should record on that map the areas used, so that repeated applications can be detected and advice as to alternative areas given.
  3. A representative of the Regional or District Manager may be nominated as a contact officer. The Contact Officer should discuss applications with the defence force unit or Service Training Coordinator to ensure that the Department's requirements are understood and will be accepted, and the Unit's needs are satisfied.

### **5.3 *Permission and conditions***

1. The approval with conditions will take the form of Appendix 2. Further conditions should be added to the approval to cover situations specific to the exercise.
2. Detailed specific conditions may be developed to apply to exercises in particular areas where training occurs frequently.
3. The permit must be counter-signed by a Defence Force Officer with sufficient authority to sign, to indicate acceptance of the conditions. The exercise will not be allowed to proceed until the countersigned copy is received by the Region/or District.
4. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the withdrawal of approval to use CALM managed lands and waters.

### **5.4 *Liaison and inspection***

1. The Regional or District Manager or nominated Contact Officer will monitor and report on the exercise. The Contact Officer should be involved from the outset and be sent a copy of the approval prior to commencement of the exercise.
2. The Contact Officer should establish liaison with the defence force unit prior to the exercise. The Contact Officer should, where deemed appropriate, inspect the area with a unit representative prior to, during and after the exercise. If a series of exercises are planned a suitable inspection program should be established. The final inspection should determine the extent of any damage caused by the exercise and whether compensation will be required, either by payment or restoration. A condition form (to be provided by the defence force unit) should be filled out

3. Any fauna which is accidentally killed or injured to during the exercise should be reported to the Contact Officer for appropriate attention.
4. Any incidents or conflicts with other users or members of the public must be reported to the Contact Officer as soon as practicable.

### **5.5 Compensation**

1. Defence force regulations require a land owner to claim compensation for damage during a training exercise within 72 hours of the exercise being completed. If a claim cannot be lodged within 72 hours, the Contact Officer must report the problem to the defence force and make appropriate arrangements for claiming compensation.
2. If the Region or District considers that a claim for compensation is required it should:
  - complete and lodge a claim form with DC-P Operations Branch; and
  - prepare a report on the damage caused and the extent and nature of compensation requested.
3. The Region or District should assist the defence force in assessing the compensation claim. Disputes should be resolved through amicable negotiation during the joint inspection or, if necessary, between the Regional or District Manager and the Commanding Officer of the Unit. If no agreement is reached the dispute will be resolved by the decision of an arbitrator appointed by the Australian Commercial Disputes Resolution Centre.

## **6. Cross references to other policies**

Policy Statement 18	Recreation, Tourism and Visitor Services
Policy Statement 10	Rehabilitation of Disturbed Land
Policy Statement 11	Protection of Aboriginal Sites
Policy Statement 39	Fees and Charges

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## APPENDIX 1

### GUIDE TO LEVELS OF DEFENCE FORCE TRAINING ACTIVITY

- Level 1. Individual Training.** Individuals and small groups (generally 5 or less persons) operating self-sufficiently, on foot, without ammunition or pyrotechnics for 1-5 days. Support vehicles move only along formed roads and tracks. Includes:
- Adventure Training.** Activities could include challenging physical recreation such as climbing, canoeing, orienteering, navigation, patrolling and bush-stalking.
- Bushcraft/Field-craft.** Exercises to develop a soldier's individual skills, of 1-5 days duration under field conditions: camouflage, concealment, moving on foot, living in the field. Weapons may be carried but not ammunition or pyrotechnics except where deemed a 'necessary' or 'compatible' operation, or by special arrangement. Bivouacs will concentrate troops at night.
- Level 2. Small Unit (Sections, Platoons or Troops) Training.** Groups of about 10-30 soldiers moving on foot and exercising individual skills, such as tactical movement, and living in the field, within a group, for 1-5 days. Blank ammunition and pyrotechnics may, subject to approval, be permitted. Shallow weapons pits may be dug and filled in when the activity ends. Support vehicles move only along formed roads and tracks.
- Level 3. Sub-Unit (Company, Squadron or Battery) Training.** Groups of about 100 soldiers operate for periods of 2-10 days, practicing tactical manoeuvres including patrols, bivouacs, combat drills and formations. Weapons are normally carried and pyrotechnics and blank ammunition may, subject to approval, be used. Weapons pits may be dug and filled in when the activity ends. Support vehicles mainly move by formed roads and tracks, but may operate on minor formed tracks.
- Level 4. Unit (Battalion or Regiment) Training.** Groups of about 500-600 regular or 200-300 Army Reserve soldiers (probably 2-3 Company-sized groups) conduct tactical manoeuvres on a large scale, for periods of 6-14 days. Support vehicles may include some heavy vehicles, and movements on minor formed tracks are expected.
- Level 5. Multi-unit Training.** These activities involving more than one Regiment sized major unit, together with logistical and administrative support. These larger scale exercises may vary in scale and character, and are planned well in advance.

**APPENDIX 2**

**PERMIT FOR DEFENCE FORCE TRAINING ON CALM MANAGED LANDS AND WATERS**

Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Exercise \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Unit Details**

Name of Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Training Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Details of Exercise**

Period of exercise \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Level of exercise \_\_\_\_\_ Number of troops \_\_\_\_\_

(If series) Number of exercises \_\_\_\_\_

Number and types of vehicles \_\_\_\_\_  
(attach list if necessary)

**3. Details of Area**

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Map reference or similar \_\_\_\_\_

Land tenure and reserve name (if named) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. Yanchep National Park or State forest no 56)

Approval is given to undertake a defence force training exercise on CALM managed lands and waters in accordance with the details specified above, subject to the following conditions:

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## **Environmental Care**

1. Environmental care must be observed in particular with regard to conservation reserves – see point 4.2 of this policy.
2. The exercise must comply with State Government approved prescriptions for the protection of water catchments, and with relevant Departmental codes of practice or ethics.
3. Unit personnel must behave in a manner that recognises the need to protect the environment. For this purpose the Department has provided guidelines for planning defence force training exercises (appendix 3); the exercise must be undertaken in accordance with these guidelines in respect of all matters not mentioned in this approval.
4. Trees, saplings, vegetation and undergrowth must not be cut, cleared or removed or damaged in any way. Trees must not be marked with axe blazes or paint, or signs nailed to trees unless specifically approved.
5. Fauna which is accidentally killed or injured by any vehicle or activity must be immediately removed from any road surface or further danger, and in the case of injured individuals, treated in a humane manner and referred to a CALM officer. Literature is available from CALM offices.
6. No fuel or oil dumps may be located on CALM managed land unless approved and machinery may only be services at designated locations. Waste oil, equipment and machinery must be promptly removed at the conclusion of any exercise and any oil or fuel spills must be reported immediately to the Department.
7. Structures, including fences, must not be damaged.
8. Current dieback management regulations, hygiene and control procedures (e.g. entry into Disease Risk Areas by permit, vehicle washdown, etc) must be strictly observed.

## **Camping on State Forest and Timber Reserves**

Camping will be allowed on State forest and timber reserves subject to the following conditions:

9. Camp sites must be specified in the application and used only in accordance with the approval.
10. Camp sites must not be within 100 metres of a stream.
11. Departmental camp sites and other facilities may not be used unless specifically approved.
12. Latrines may only be constructed if approved (see below). Latrines must be at least 100 metres from any lake, river or stream.
13. All rubbish must be removed from the site. Camp sites must be left clean and tidy.
14. Firewood must not be collected unless specifically approved. Firewood must be dead wood collected from the ground, or fallen timber or heads; standing dead trees and live timber must not be cut. Campfire sites must be isolated by a 2 metre wide mineral earth firebreak.
15. Soaps, detergents and other chemicals must not be released into rivers, lakes or streams. If specifically approved, these materials may be deposited in sullage pits dug for the purpose and located at least 100 metres from any lake, river or stream.
16. Any excavations for latrines, sullage or weapons pits must be approved. At the completion of the exercise they must be filled and heaped over. All holes and pits must be backfilled in the reverse order of extraction i.e. top soil put back last.
17. No structures may be erected unless specifically approved. Structures must be removed at the completion of the exercise unless specifically approved to stay. Extensions cannot be made to existing structures unless approved. Structures or signs must not be nailed to trees.

In exceptional circumstances, camping will be allowed on the CALM conservation estate subject to the above conditions and with the approval of the CALM Regional Manager.

## **Community Relations and Safety**

18. All defence forces personnel must behave in a manner that recognises, respects and safeguards the rights of other users of public lands and waters or adjoining residents. Where deemed appropriate, other users and adjoining landowners will be notified about planned defence force exercises by way of advisory signs, public notices and other means.

## **Fire Protection**

19. The Bush Fires Act 1954 must be complied with.
20. Fires are prohibited on days of 'very high' or 'extreme' fire danger. It is the Unit's responsibility to know that bans have been declared including those declared by the relevant local authorities.
21. Camp fires are prohibited on CALM conservation reserves (see point 4.2) unless authorised by the CALM Regional Officer.
22. On days of high fire risk, smoking by personnel must be confined to rest periods and cigarettes extinguished before moving from the resting place. All spent matches and butts must be collected and removed. Smoking is not permitted in pine plantations, except in winter.

## **Vehicle Use**

23. All vehicle (including boats and aircraft) use in the area must be in accordance with the provisions as specified in this permit.
24. Unless specifically approved below, vehicles must not be driven off-road. Vehicles must not be driven on any closed section of road or track unless specifically authorised.
25. Unless specifically approved below, vehicles must not be parked off the road edge or away from roads.

## **Pyrotechnics and Ammunition**

26. All use of pyrotechnics and ammunition in the area must be in accordance with the provisions as specified in this permit.

## **Liaison with CALM during Exercise**

27. The CALM Regional or District Manager may at any time before or during an exercise, withdraw approval for use of some or all CALM managed land if a change in road, fire or weather conditions so requires. The earliest possible advice of any such withdrawal will be given. Where possible, details of the exercise will be re-organised, to minimise disruption.
28. Before commencement of any field exercises the Unit Commander or his nominee must contact the Regional or District Manager or his nominee (referred to as the "Contact Officer") to establish arrangements for any site inspections or other activities.
29. Any damage to roads, structures, facilities, camp sites, signs or fences must be reported to the Contact Officer, so that an assessment for compensation can be made.
30. Defence force traffic must comply with all directions of the Contact Officer or any other officer of the Department.
31. If deemed appropriate, the area will be inspected at the completion of the exercise by a nominated Defence Force Officer and the Contact Officer, who must together determine whether damage to the area has occurred, whether compensation is payable and the amount of such compensation.
32. Restoration, stabilisation and revegetation as determined by the Regional or District Manager may be undertaken, if mutually agreed, by the unit in lieu of payment for

compensation. Otherwise the Department may authorise the required work at the expense of the Unit.

### **Savings and Indemnity**

33. The rights of the Executive Director of the Department to perform any obligations under the provisions of the CALM Act or other relevant law are reserved.

The Australian Defence Force, by agreeing to the terms and conditions of this approval, in respect of the exercise herein approved, HEREBY FOREVER RELEASES, DISCHARGES, INDEMNIFIES AND HOLDS HARMLESS the Crown in the Right of Western Australia, the Executive Director as the body corporate of the Department of Conservation and Land Management, the Minister for the Environment, their servants and agents and independent contractors employed by the Crown and/or the Department:

- from any legal liability whatsoever arising from the use of the approved exercise area by the Australian Defence Force and/or any other person associated with the said Force;
- from any loss, damage, expenses, claims, demands, actions and causes whatsoever which might be instituted or suffered or incurred or sustained by any person or body for injury, loss or damage arising in any manner from the said exercise;
- from all loss or damage to any property, buildings, equipment or materials of the Department and/or any other persons on or outside the exercise area and/or any other person associated with the said exercise;
- from any or all loss, damage, injury or illness, including death, sustained or incurred by the defence force and/or any other person associated with the exercise arising in any manner from the said exercise.

**Special Conditions Relating to National Parks and Nature Reserves** (delete if not applicable)

- Complete closure of national parks or nature reserves to the public during the exercise is not permitted.
- Activities in national parks or in nature reserves must be conducted in a way which minimises interference with plants and animals and visitors.
- All refuse resulting from the exercise must be removed from the land authorised for use and must not be buried.
- Pan or chemical toilets must be provided by the Unit at camp sites when requested. Maintenance and disposal of the toilets will be the responsibility of the user. Waste disposal must not take place on any public land, unless specifically zoned for this purpose.
- No weapons, ammunition or pyrotechnics of any description are to be carried or used in the park/reserve unless the use of weapons, blank or live ammunition, explosives, dummy grenades, illuminating signals, fireworks or any other pyrotechnics is specifically approved below.



**Failure to Comply with Conditions**

Failure to comply with the conditions and special conditions set in this permit may result in the withdrawal of approval to use CALM managed lands and waters.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)  
Regional Manager / District Manager

The defence force units involved in this exercise agree to abide by the conditions herein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_\_ for and on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
(name and rank) (unit/s)

## **APPENDIX 3**

### **GUIDELINES FOR DEFENCE FORCE UNITS PLANNING EXERCISES ON CALM MANAGED LANDS AND WATERS**

These guidelines are intended to assist defence units planning exercises on CALM managed lands and waters. The guidelines set out in detail what activities and equipment are likely to be approved for use in particular situations.

#### **Applications for Exercises**

1. The Unit Training Coordinator should apply to the Regional or District Manager on the relevant form, at least three months in advance of the exercise.
2. If the unit wishes to undertake any activity which is excluded by these guidelines (e.g. off-road driving), the application should specifically mention the activity, so that the activity can be assessed in detail.
3. A Departmental Officer will usually contact the Unit Training Coordinator to discuss details of the exercise, and to negotiate conditions applying to the exercise.
4. Applications are assessed individually to ensure that:
  - the level of the exercise is appropriate to the land use category of the area
  - the exercise is appropriate to the physical and natural conditions of the proposed site
  - the site is not being over-used by repeated exercises or similar activities
  - the exercise is organised to minimise environmental damage and the chance of unintended damage
  - effects on other land users including the public and licensees are minimised.
5. The Region will send a signed approval for the exercise to the Unit Training Coordinator, generally at least 4 weeks before the exercise is to commence. This should be countersigned and a copy returned to the Regional or District Manager.

#### **Liaison during the Exercise**

6. Arrangements for liaison during the exercise will be set out in the approval. Generally a Departmental Officer will be nominated as the Contact Officer for the exercise. The Contact Officer will arrange, if deemed appropriate, inspection of the area prior to and after the exercise, initially to ensure arrangements are satisfactory, and secondly to determine whether a claim for compensation will be made.
7. The Unit must obey any instruction from the Contact Officer or any other Officer of the Department during the progress of the exercise.

#### **Exercises in Particular Areas**

8. Generally the Department prefers that defence force training exercises take place outside national and marine parks and nature reserves.

#### **General Environmental Care**

9. An exercise will not be approved if the Department considers that its impact on the environment or conflict with other users of the area will be too great. An exercise may be cancelled at short notice if a change to conditions occurs, such as excessive wet weather or fire. The Region will liaise with the Unit conducting training to ensure that disruption to the Unit's activities is minimised.
10. The Department expects all personnel involved in the exercise to obey all written or verbal directions, prescriptions, and codes of practice applying to the area, and to behave in a manner that recognises the need to protect the environment of the area.



11. Trees, saplings, vegetation and undergrowth must not be cut, cleared or removed unless approved.
12. Trees must not be marked with axe blazes or paint, or signs nailed to trees. If marking is necessary, use paper masking tape or coloured biodegradable survey ribbon. If coloured plastic survey ribbon is used it must be removed at the end of the exercise.
13. The exercise must give due consideration to the protection of native flora values and wildlife. Exercises which may threaten known wildlife or significant plant populations (particularly threatened, especially protected or declared rare species) will be moved to another area, to ensure that flora and fauna are protected.
14. Dieback management regulations, hygiene and control procedures (as specified in Appendix 2) must be observed at all times.
15. No fuel or oil dumps may be located on public land, unless approved. Waste oil, equipment and machinery and the Contact Officer notified of any spillages immediately.
16. Structures, including fences, must not be damaged.
17. Any damage to roads, structures, facilities, camp sites or fences must be reported to the Contact Officer, so that an assessment of compensation can be made.

### **Community Relation and Safety**

18. All defence forces personnel must behave in a manner that recognises, respects and safeguards the rights of other users of public land and adjoining residents.

### **Camping**

19. Camp sites must be specified in the application and used only in accordance with the approval.
20. Large camps should be located at sites well away from areas of public use. Camp sites must not be within 100 metres of a stream.
21. Departmental camp sites and other facilities may not be used unless specifically approved. If they are used, a fee may be charged, particularly if the public is charged a fee for the area. Use should only be proposed outside periods of peak visitor use.
22. Except for very small scale (Level 1) exercises, portable toilets are required for waste disposal; portable toilets must not be emptied onto public land (preferably into a town sewerage system). If latrines are proposed they must be specified in the application and constructed only in accordance with the approval. Latrines must be at least 100 metres from any lake, river or stream.
23. All rubbish must be removed from the site. On-site burial is not permitted.
24. Camp sites must be left clean and tidy.
25. Firewood must not be collected unless specifically approved. Firewood must be dead wood collected from the ground, or fallen timber or heads; standing dead trees and live timber must not be cut. Campfire sites must be isolated by a 2 metre wide mineral earth firebreak.
26. Soaps, detergents and other chemicals must not be released into rivers, lakes or streams. If specifically approved, these materials may be deposited in sullage pits dug for the purpose and located at least 100 metres from any river, lake or stream.
27. Any excavations for latrines, sullage pits, weapons or ammunition pits must be approved. When the camp site is vacated they must be filled and heaped over, to allow for settling and compaction, leaving a level soil surface rather than a depression. Soils should be replaced in the reverse order of extraction i.e. top soil should be put back last.
28. Any structures to be erected must be specifically approved. Structures must be removed at the completion of the exercise unless specifically approved to stay. Extensions cannot be made to existing structures unless approved. Structures must not be nailed to trees.

## **Fire Protection**

29. All requirements for defence force use of fire and fire protection will be stipulated in the permit.
30. All requirements of the Bush Fire Act must be complied with.
31. Fires are prohibited on days of 'very high' or 'extreme' fire danger. Units should maintain contact with the Department for advice of total fire ban days; it is the Unit's responsibility to know if a ban has been declared including those declared by the relevant local authorities.
32. On days of high fire risk, smoking should be confined to rest periods and cigarettes extinguished before moving from the resting place. All spent matches and butts must be collected and removed.
33. Regulations also require that a ground and air space within 3 metres of the hot exhaust pipe of any stationary engine including a petrol driven electric generator or a petrol driven water pump are clear of all flammable material.
34. During the prohibited period (or declared fire season) fire fighting equipment should be readily available at any base camp, in the quantity of 6 rakehoes and 6 firefighting knapsacks for every 30 persons camped there. During this period sufficient transport should remain in the area to allow immediate evacuation of all personnel in case of fire. Patrol during manoeuvres by a properly equipped fire fighting vehicle may also be required. The approval may include further requirements to maintain vehicles equipped with fire fighting gear, to patrol areas in a specified manner during manoeuvres, and for fire equipment to be maintained at each camp during periods of fire danger.

## **Vehicle Use**

35. Only registered vehicles with rubber tyres may be used on CALM managed lands.
36. Unless specifically approved, vehicles must not be driven off-road. Vehicles must not be driven on any closed section of road or track.
37. Vehicles parking off road edges and parking away from roads require specific approval. Vegetation must not be damaged.
38. Vehicles must comply with any load limits or exclusions mentioned in the approval. Heavy vehicle use should be mentioned in the application.
39. Training involving vehicle winching and towing must be mentioned in the application and specifically approved.
40. The use of boats and aircraft must be mentioned in the application and must be specifically approved.
41. All vehicles and equipment must be free of soil and plant material on entry to CALM managed lands and before leaving.

## **Pyrotechnics and Ammunition**

42. Applications should state the types of pyrotechnics to be used. Pyrotechnics can only be used in accordance with the approval. The Department's concern with pyrotechnics is their potential to start bushfires.
43. The use of all pyrotechnics (flares, grenade simulators, smoke grenades) may be prohibited during the fire danger period. If they are permitted, the Contact Officer must be advised at least 48 hours before the use is intended, so that fire towers and other fire authorities can be notified, and will not become alarmed at smoke, etc.
44. After use of any pyrotechnics, the defence force personnel must inspect the area within 30 minutes of use to extinguish any fires.
45. All spent canisters of smoke grenades, flares and other pyrotechnics must be collected and removed at the completion of the exercise (preferably on the same day).
46. Firing of ammunition requires specific approval because of the potential impact on wildlife, and is prohibited on days of total fire ban.
47. Use of live ammunition for pest eradication e.g. goats.