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3K→20K

Engineer Corps
Build · rescue · defend

14

NSC members
8 state/territory professionals

6 tracks

National service
2 years · every Australian

1

Intelligence command
ASIO + ASIS + ASD unified

THE PROBLEM — AN ADF BUILT FOR THE WRONG CENTURY, WRONG THREATS, WRONG MISSIONS

ADF STRUCTURED FOR WRONG WAR

The ADF is structured around the wars of the 20th century — large infantry formations, heavy patrol vessels, concentrated air bases, and an expeditionary posture designed to fight alongside

ADF IN BARRACKS WHILE AUST BURNS

Australia is one of the most disaster-prone nations on earth. Cyclones, floods, bushfires — the frequency and severity are increasing. Defence has the people, equipment, and training to be

FOUR AGENCIES — NO UNIFIED PICTURE

ASIO, ASIS, ASD, and the Office of National Intelligence operate as four separate agencies with their own budgets, cultures, priorities, and political relationships. They do not share

THE MMP SOLUTION — REBUILD FOR WHAT AUSTRALIA ACTUALLY NEEDS

ENGINEER CORPS 3K — TARGET 20K

Grown fivefold to 20,000. Every member: soldier first, qualified tradesperson, certified drone operator, trained emergency first responder. In peacetime: builds SPC corridors. In disaster: deploys in 72 hours. In conflict: defends Australian territory. Budget: ~\$6B/yr — 20% of the 3% GDP defence commitment. The most versatile military asset Australia has ever fielded.

72-HOUR DISASTER DEPLOYMENT

Every Engineer Corps unit maintains 72-hour deployment readiness for domestic emergency. Equipment pre-positioned at six regional logistics nodes: Darwin, Broome, Cairns, Broken Hill, Roma, Alice Springs. Every major disaster zone within 48 hours of a pre-positioned depot. When the flood declaration comes, Engineer Corps units are already moving — not assembling, not waiting

INTELLIGENCE UNIFIED — ONE PICTURE

ASIO, ASIS, ASD, and ONI consolidated under a single Director of National Intelligence. One budget. One command. One picture — without the fragmentation and filtering that four competing agencies produce. Australia sees with its own eyes. Makes its own assessments. Decides with its own judgment.

NSC — 14 MEMBERS — GROUND TRUTH

National Security Council: Prime Minister (chair), Governor-General, CDF, Director of National Intelligence, AFP Commissioner, Attorney-General, and 8 State/Territory Security Representatives. The state reps are not politicians — professional security appointments, fixed 5-year terms, full clearance. The NT rep knows the northern approaches. The WA rep knows the

BORDER PATROL — MILITARY DIVISION

Border patrol elevated to a dedicated military division with own command, budget, and doctrine reporting to the Minister for Security. ABF maritime absorbed. Small, fast, agile vessel fleet — difficult to target, cheap to replace, each vessel a drone control hub. Remote drone stations along the entire northern coastline from Broome to Cape York — autonomous, solar-powered, continuous

THREE SPHERES — DRONE SOVEREIGN

Every Army soldier a certified drone operator and trained in sovereign missile systems. Three spheres: aerial surveillance and strike swarms, maritime surface autonomous vessels, underwater autonomous vehicles. Distributed missile batteries across northern and western approaches — no single point of failure. Sovereign systems built in Australia, owned by Australia, dependent on no

NATIONAL SERVICE — 6 TRACKS

Every Australian on completing school gives two years in one of six tracks: Engineer Corps · Health and Care · Green Corps · Teaching and Education · Community Service · Innovation and Technology. Paid at 75% of minimum wage. Every completer receives a \$10,000 education credit. Every Australian gains a qualification, a community, and two years of contribution that will be on their

SAS — SOVEREIGN MISSION DISPERSED

SAS retained and restructured. Smaller but more capable. Primary mission: sovereign intelligence, counter-terrorism, and hostage rescue in Australia's immediate region — not Middle East expeditions. Dispersed basing: squadrons in every state and territory capital, not concentrated at Campbell Barracks. Regional partnerships: Indonesia, PNG, Pacific Island defence forces —

AIR FORCE — PRE-POSITIONED DUAL USE

Air Force assets pre-positioned at bases in every state and territory — distributed, not concentrated. Every transport asset has both military and civilian emergency role: the C-17s and C-130s that move troops also evacuate flood victims, deliver emergency supplies, transport medical teams. Autonomous aerial systems alongside crewed

SOVEREIGN DEFENCE MANUFACTURING

Drones, autonomous systems, cyber tools, weapons and ammunition manufactured in Australia. The SBC corridor provides energy and industrial infrastructure. The national service Innovation Track provides the workforce pipeline. Sovereign capability. Built here. Owned here. Dependent on no one.

NSC DECISION ARCHITECTURE

The structure designed for emergency, operating in peacetime. One architecture, one command, one response — whether the threat is a cyclone, a border incursion, a biosecurity breach, or a cyberattack. Governor-General has constitutional veto on any operation exceeding parliamentary mandate. No Prime Minister commits Australia to war without democratic authorisation.

WHY FARRER NEEDS THIS

Farrer is on the front line of everything this restructure addresses: floods, droughts, northern approaches. The SBC corridors need the Engineer Corps to build them. The national service program gives young Australians in Broken Hill, Griffith, and Wagga a structured pathway to contribute two years to their country.

CURRENT vs MMP RESTRUCTURE

CURRENT — THE PROBLEM

MMP — THE RESTRUCTURE

Engineer Corps: ~3,000 combat engineers. Sits in barracks.

Engineer Corps: 20,000. Builds SPC in peacetime. Deploys in 72hrs in disaster.

Disaster response: ad hoc ADF deployment. Never fast enough.

72-hour standard. Equipment pre-positioned at 6 national logistics nodes.

Intelligence: 4 agencies — ASIO, ASIS, ASD, ONI. Competing, fragmented.

Unified under single Director of National Intelligence. One picture. One command.

NSC: ministers filtering information before it reaches the PM.

NSC: 14 members including 8 state/territory professionals with ground truth.

Border patrol: customs function. ABF maritime. Inadequate northern surveillance.

Border patrol: military division. Small fast vessels. Continuous drone surveillance.

Drone capability: underfunded. No sovereign manufacturing.

Three spheres: aerial, maritime, underwater. Built in Australia. Owned by Australia.

National service: none. Young Australians have no structured contribution pathway.

National service: 2 years, 6 tracks, \$10K education credit. Every Australian gives.

SAS: concentrated at Campbell Barracks, Perth. Middle East expeditions.

SAS: dispersed nationally. Every state capital. Sovereign mission. Indo-Pacific focus.

Air Force: concentrated at major bases. Hours from disaster zones.

Air Force: pre-positioned every state/territory. 72hr domestic response. Dual-use.

Defence manufacturing: almost entirely foreign-sourced. Supply chain dependent.

Sovereign manufacturing: drones, missiles, cyber tools — built and owned in Australia.

"The ADF that Australia needs does not sit in barracks waiting for a war that may never come. It builds the SBC corridors in peacetime. It deploys into Queensland in 72 hours when the levees break. It watches every vessel approaching the northern coast through drone networks that never sleep. It trains every young Australian to contribute two years to something larger than themselves. Sovereign. Built here. Dependent on no one." — Brett Murrell, MMP

★ **VOTE 1 — BRETT MURRELL — FARRER — SATURDAY 9 MAY 2026** ★

MMP DEFENCE COMMAND ARCHITECTURE

