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Re-structure of Reserves

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Navy Reserve

- Re-structure the Navy Reserve based on US Naval Reserve model.
- Recruit around 10,000 reservists.
- Primary roles to include border protection, aid to civilian community, land based support for RAN and provide crews for RAN ships.
- Re-establish Port Divisions.
- Training to be conducted on the job, or full time or combination of both.
- RAN ships to be allocated as Reserve Training Vessels.

For example 2 Collins class submarines could be allocated to Reserve training. The Submarines would have a mixed compliment of permanent and reserve crews. This would provide continuous training for reservists. Under the command of reserve officers, permanent Navy officers would act in mentoring role. Considering the requirement for up to 12 new and larger submarines and the issues of manning the current Collins class it is essential reservists can be properly utilized to meet future manning requirements.

The above concept would also be applied to all classes of RAN ships.

Army Reserve

- Re-structure the Army Reserve based on US National Guard model.
- Army Reserve numbers increase to around 40,000.
- Training to be conducted on the job, or full time or combination of both.
- Primary roles to include aid to civilian community, and support for regular Army Operations in Australia or Overseas.
Air Force Reserve

- Re-structure the Air Force Reserve based on US National Air Guard model.

- Recruit around 10,000 reservists.

- Re-establish aircrew training for reservists. Training may need to be conducted on a full-time basis. Applicants with commercial pilot qualifications could be fast tracked through their training.

- Primary roles to include aid to civilian community, and support for regular Air force Operations in Australia or Overseas.