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New Chair to lead Defence Reserves Committee in Queensland

Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, the Hon. Dr Mike Kelly AM MP, today (1 July 2010) announced the appointment of the new Chair of the Queensland Committee of the Defence Reserves Support Council (DRSC), Ms Margaret Goody.

“Ms Goody brings wide-ranging experience and networks developed through her employment and community activities, which will enhance the very active program of the DRSC Queensland Committee,” said Dr Kelly.

“As a State Chair, Ms Goody will be leading a committee that provides a link between the Australian Defence Force, employers and the community from which the Reserves are drawn.”

Dr Kelly said Ms Goody’s past experience included positions as Director of Development with a non-for-profit organisation; Principal of a business strategy, employer branding and economic development consultancy; Principal Consultant with an organisational review and change management company; CEO of a regional economic development organisation; and Managing Director of a human resource consultancy firm.

“Ms Goody’s strengths are her wide-ranging knowledge and understanding of the linkages between business, industry and government; strategic and business planning together with stakeholder management, community/business partnerships and communications all of which are key to her new DRSC role,” Dr Kelly said.

Ms Goody has a Graduate Diploma in Management from the Australian Graduate School of Management and a Diploma from the Australian Institute of Company Directors, so she is very well qualified to lead the Queensland Committee.

“I would like to thank Mr Tony Behm, the outgoing Chair for his excellent service and support for the past six years and wish him the best for the future,” Dr Kelly said.

The DRSC aims to enhance the availability of the Reserve component of the ADF by promoting the benefits of employing Reservists.

The DRSC also aims to establish a flexible partnership with the community and employers so they are encouraged to support Reservists.

Each State and Territory has committees of the Council and some also have committees in larger regional centres, such as Townsville. Council members are volunteers and include representatives from industry, small business, trade unions, youth and other interested community groups.

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