



## THE HON. DR MIKE KELLY AM MP Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support

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### Employers take off to see Reservists in action

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, the Hon. Dr Mike Kelly AM MP announced that 22 employers of Defence Reservists will travel to Solomon Islands today (5 July 2010) as part of Exercise Boss Lift - the Defence program designed to encourage employer support for the Reserves.

Dr Kelly encouraged the Defence Reservists in the Solomon Islands to take advantage of the opportunity to show their bosses the skills they develop while on deployment and how they can be utilised in the civilian workplace.

“This is a unique opportunity for employers and aims to highlight the skills Reservists gain from being in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and how those skills can benefit civilian employers,” Dr Kelly said.

“Boss Lift and other employer engagement activities like Exercise Executive Stretch, also help employers understand their Reservist’s important contribution to Defence capability.”

Employers participating in the four-day Boss Lift program will visit soldiers from the New South Wales-based 5th Brigade, who are currently on a four-month deployment to the Solomon Islands.

While in Honiara and surrounds, the employers will have the opportunity to see their Reservists on Operation ANODE, the Australian Defence Force’s contribution to the Australian-led Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands.

For details about the many programs run by CRESA visit [www.defence.gov.au/reserves](http://www.defence.gov.au/reserves) or call 1800 803 485.

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