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### **EMPLOYERS THANKED FOR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT OF RESERVISTS DURING VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES**

**WHAT:** Defence function to thank employers of Defence Reservists released to support Operation Victoria Fires Assist

**WHEN:** 6.30 pm, 24 June 2009

**WHO:** Dignitaries including the Governor of Victoria, Premier of Victoria and senior military commanders will thank employers of Defence Reservists.

**WHERE:** Zinc function room, Federation Square Complex, Melbourne

Employer support gave Defence Reservists the ability to assist their fellow Australians during this tragic bushfire disaster which ravaged Victoria earlier this year. More than 1300 Reservists were involved in the two-month Operation, which saw the Australian Defence Force assist Victorian police and emergency services during the bushfire emergency.

Employers of Reservists will receive certificates of appreciation during the function.

**Media Note: Media are invited to attend this event. Media must register their intention to attend with Major Tony Kelly on 0438 631 880.**

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