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DARWIN - OPERATIONAL STATUS POST CYCLONE TRACY.

REF DJS MINUTE NO.6/1975. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SITUATION FOLLOWS.

2. CYCLONE TRACY CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO EXISTING [REDACTED]
FACILITIES (BUILDINGS, AERIALS) AT HMAS COONAWARRA.

MAJORITY OF EQUIPMENT WET BUT SALVAGEABLE.

3. DAMAGE TO NEW BUILDING AT SHOAL BAY RELATIVELY LIGHT
AND EMERGENCY POWER WAS AVAILABLE. AERIALS, INCLUDING PART
OF NEW CDAA AERIAL SYSTEM, DAMAGED BUT SOME STILL USEABLE.

IN VIEW OF THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN BY NAVY TO TRANSFER EQUIPMENT
AND STAFF TO SHOAL BAY AND TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS THERE USING
AVAILABLE AERIALS. LIMITED OPERATIONS BEGAN ON 3 JANUARY AND BY
END OF MONTH IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITY FORMERLY
PROVIDED AT COONAWARRA WILL BE AVAILABLE AT SHOAL BAY.

MANNING SHOULD RETURN TO FORMER LEVEL BY MARCH FOLLOWING
COMPLETION OF SURVIVAL LEAVE FOR STAFF.

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