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## **PARTIAL CLOSURE OF MOUNT AINSLIE NATURE RESERVE EXTENDED**

A section of Mount Ainslie Nature Reserve between Mount Ainslie Drive and Campbell Park Offices off Northcott Drive will remain closed until Friday 10 February 2012, Territory and Municipal Services announced today.

The closure was put in place on Thursday 17 November 2011 while a detailed survey of the area was undertaken for unexploded ordnance (military ammunition which has been fired, but failed to explode). This was done following the revelation the area had previously been used as a Defence training ground and firing range in the 1940s and 1950s.

The survey undertaken by a contractor engaged by the National Unexploded Ordnance Office uncovered the waste remnants of six mortars. No further unexploded ordnance was found.

“Defence, however, recommended that a small area of the park be further surveyed for items which may be buried. While we have been advised that there is no danger to the public, we have engaged an experienced contractor to undertake this survey just to be sure there is no unexploded ordnance in the area,” said Peter Galvin, Acting Manager, National Parks, Reserves and Rural Land.

“The extended closure will allow the survey to take place without disruption.

“Clear warning signage is being erected at relevant access points to the reserve, as well as along fencing, advising about the extension of the closure.

“I would like to thank the public for their continued patience while the survey process is undertaken.”

Statement ends

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