



# PRIME MINISTER

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JOINT STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PREMIER  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA: CLEARANCE OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE  
AT WARNBRO

For the past two years, the Commonwealth Government and the Government of Western Australia have been co-operating in the clearance of unexploded ordnance from the former artillery range at Warnbro.

This project entailed several new features: it has been conducted under the auspices of the State Government by trained civilian contractors, but with Commonwealth technical and financial support.

In the light of our joint experience, the Commonwealth and State Governments have agreed on a formula which will allow the project to move forward to completion without interruption.

The Commonwealth has agreed to provide the funds necessary for clearance of the former Warnbro range to a depth of about one metre. In addition, the Commonwealth will fund deep clearance (to a depth of approximately three metres, beyond which U.X.O. are not found) in those areas at Warnbro which are designated for urban or industrial use. This includes other areas where there is a demonstrated requirement to excavate below one metre (e.g. main drainage, heavy earthworks, etc.)

Should other areas at Warnbro be re-zoned for urban or industrial use at some time in the future, the Commonwealth will fund further deep clearance as may be necessary.

The Commonwealth has allocated \$1.306 million for the completion of the present Warnbro Clearance Project.