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## Media Statement

### Lance Corporal Jack Fitzgibbon

**Friday, 8 March 2024**

It is with great sadness that we have learned of the tragic death of Lance Corporal Jack Fitzgibbon in a special forces training accident at the RAAF airbase at Richmond.

This is a tragedy. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this most difficult time and extend our deepest condolences.

Our thoughts are also with those who served alongside Lance Corporal Fitzgibbon – his friends and colleagues in uniform – and the broader defence community.

His service and sacrifice on behalf of our nation will not be forgotten.

As ADF personnel, their families and the military community absorb this tragedy, please remember the supports that are available. All current ADF members and their families can contact the Defence All-hours Support Line on 1800 628 036. Families of serving personnel can also contact the Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

All current and ex-serving ADF personnel and their families can also access Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling. Open Arms is a national mental health service that provides 24-hour free and confidential counselling. Visit [openarms.gov.au](https://openarms.gov.au) or phone 1800 011 046.

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