

# SECURITY ALERT

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Subject: **National Terrorism Public Alert System Level - High**

Area of Concern: **Increased Security Vigilance**

## **National Terrorism Public Alert System level moved from Medium to High**

Prime Minister Tony Abbott announced the increased National Terrorism Public Alert System threat level at a press conference in Melbourne this afternoon. It takes the level from medium, when an attack could occur, to high where a terrorist attack is likely.

The National Terrorism Public Alert System guides national preparation and planning. It also dictates levels of precaution and vigilance to minimise the risk of a terrorist incident occurring.

Mr Abbott said the Government has "no specific intelligence" of a plot to mount a terrorist attack. "What we do have is intelligence that there are people with the intent and the capability to mount attacks," he said. Security agencies recommended the increased threat level because of the number of Australians "fighting with and supporting" terrorist groups in the Middle East.

There is no specific threat to Aviation. The threat level increase is of a broad nature and could impact other areas of mass gatherings.

Current security measures at Townsville Airport are comprehensive and robust, multi layered and based on the best advice available from intelligence agencies, border agencies regulatory bodies and law enforcement: and are in line with ICAO standards.

It is expected there will be no immediate regulatory changes, however Industry and Government are examining what the increased threat level will mean.

At a high threat level increased precaution and vigilance is required so remember to:

- Always be alert
- Report Incidents as soon as possible
- Immediately report unattended baggage or other articles left unattended
- Check ASICs, show your ASIC if asked but do not surrender it to anyone
- Review and ensure staff are aware of the 'Phone Bomb threat checklist'
- Review and ensure staff are aware of the Airport Security Guide -  
<http://www.townsvilleairport.com.au/regulatorycompliance-and-safetyasic/>

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