



# Reefton



## Want to get involved?

The involvement of the public is one of the most unique and valuable parts of this exercise. Very few countries have the privilege of exercising among their own population.

If you would like to play a role we are always looking for people to add to the realism by playing ordinary citizens of Becara. You are welcome to talk to the soldiers – don't be shy.

Reefton marks the boundary of the "badlands." Most of the population are "Wessos" who have been influenced by radical ethnic politics. The Westportian People's Party (WPP) – a new extremist political party - has grown in strength locally & a pro-Wesso militia group - the Westportian Freedom Army (WFA) now occupies the town. Large numbers of ethnic "Havos" were driven from the town as they arrived.

If you would like to play a 'Wesso' and you do speak to a soldier please try to convey the following messages:

- You strongly support the Westportian People's Party and the Westportian Freedom Army (who you see as freedom fighters).
- You'd rather the New Zealanders & their allies weren't getting involved and want them to leave.

We want the "bad guys" to be able to feel safe among the Reefton population. The exercise players will have to win you over & gain your trust. Be suspicious and reluctant to share information with them.

## What might I see?

Most of the activity in Reefton is expected to take place from:

**mid October - late November.**

- In October you will see our "bad guys" setting themselves up. They will establish bases & defensive positions in and around Reefton. Some may conduct meetings at key locations with local role-players.
- From mid to late November, we expect large numbers of soldiers and vehicles to occupy areas around Reefton and clear the 'bad guys' out.
- The soldiers will be armed and may occupy some key points nearby or set up checkpoints.
- It is possible some international aircraft may conduct flying in the area in November.
- Some mid-scale fighting may occur - but only in pre-determined areas - and only under the supervision of exercise control staff. This may involve blank firing and explosions.

## Need Help? Got a question?

If you have any questions about the exercise, please feel free to ask any of our exercise control staff. You can identify them by the Southern Katipo logo (right) on their arm.

Alternatively, you can call our Public Affairs number 021 487 980

