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This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the Australian-led Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI). It will also see the drawdown of its military component in the second half of 2013 as announced by RAMSI Special Co-Coordinator Nicholas Coppel in December last year.

The current rotation – the 29<sup>th</sup> – is planned to be the second last to serve in the Solomon Islands and, as has been the case with the previous 13 rotations, is a mainly reserve-based Combined Task Force (CTF) with more than 100 Army reservists, this time primarily drawn from the NSW 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade.