

## **Integrated Sea and Land Series 2018**

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A Gender Advisor was integrated into Air Operations Centre functions as part of the 2018 Integrated Sea and Land Series. The aim of integration for the exercise was to develop the awareness, education and understanding for Air Operations Centre staff on gender considerations that apply to the air component as well as utilising the Gender Advisor as a specialist advisor to provide additional information to assist campaign planning and execution.

From a tactical perspective, the Gender Advisor provided the operations staff with additional considerations when evaluating targets that did minimise adverse impacts for local populations and enhanced messaging, thereby enabling military actions to be more effective for the population. This resulted in the inclusion of an optional field in the Legal Target Appreciation document to embed gender considerations as part of the formal evaluation process. The Gender Advisor also provided specialist advice to Deputy Joint Force Air Component Commander on dynamic targets, identifying potential effects on the population that were not immediately observed.