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TITLE	INTENTION TO ESTABLISH DUTSON RANGE DANGER AREA
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CONSULTATION SUMMARY	Analysis of operations requiring the use of PRD airspace at Dutson Training Area has found that most activities are conducted at permanent ranges and do not require the full use of R391A and/or R391B.
KEY ISSUES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A more efficient Danger Area is to be established to cover live-fire operations at permanent ranges in the Dutson Training Area.
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CLOSE DATE	21 Jun 2022
ATTACHMENTS	Excerpt of Melbourne VNC with proposed Danger Area overlaid

OVERVIEW

The Dutson Training Area is an ADF range facility to the South East of RAAF Base East Sale. A review of activities requiring PRD airspace has found that most activities occur at permanent ranges, the safety traces for which occupy a substantially smaller footprint than the current dimensions of R391A/B. Activation of R391A/B is an inflexible use of excessive airspace not required for the routine activities in the Dutson Training Area.

PROPOSAL

RAAF proposes the creation of a more efficient Danger Area (shown below), to be used when appropriate in lieu of R391A/B. The southern boundary of this danger area will follow the northern edge of the Longford – Golden Beach Road to aid recognition and aircraft navigation. The danger area is to be active by NOTAM only when required, SFC – NOTAM. The use of this Danger Area will significantly reduce the frequency of R391A/B activation.

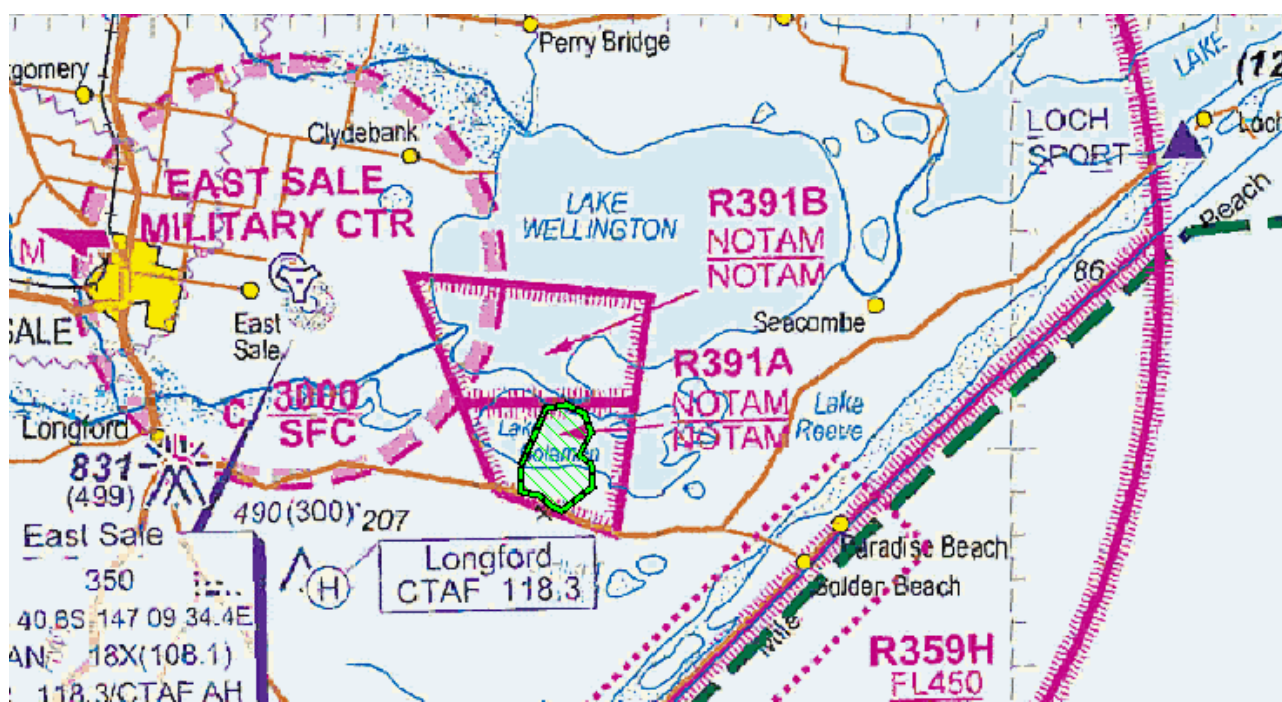


Fig 1 – Proposed Dutson Danger Area Lateral Dimensions (Green), SFC – NOTAM.