

**AVIATION STATE ENGAGEMENT FORUM**

**NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Submission date: 29/03/2021

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Pitch Black/ Diamond Storm Permanent Airspace Change Proposal (ACP)</b>
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<b>CONSULTATION SUMMARY</b>	To advise members regarding the submission of an ACP to CASA OAR following feedback received from previous consultation advising this intention at the 6 Nov 2019 RAPAC meeting and to invite any further feedback.
<b>KEY ISSUES</b>	The submission of the ACP was delayed due to the Diamond Storm and Pitch Black exercises being cancelled in 2019 and 2020 (respectively) due to COVID-19.
<b>FEEDBACK TO</b>	Email address for any queries – JACC: <a href="mailto:adf.airspace@defence.gov.au">adf.airspace@defence.gov.au</a>
<b>CLOSE DATE</b>	12 April 2021
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	NT RAPAC OOS Brief circulated on 13 Nov 2019

**OVERVIEW**

An updated image of the proposed permanent airspace overlaid on a current chart is provided on page 2. Included on this image is the official Australian Territorial Sea Boundary indicating that the dimensions of R929 are within the limits.

**CONSULTATION**

Consultation was requested to be provided by 13 Dec 2019. A summary of all feedback obtained was included in the submission of the ACP and all matters raised were addressed. Defence undertook to advise members when the ACP was submitted to CASA; hence this advice.

Of note, extensive consultation was carried out with stakeholders each time the exercises were conducted via temporary airspace activations. The Department of Defence investigates any issues with how the exercise is run including any noise complaints and airspace incursions or airspace management issues. These processes will continue whether the airspace is made permanent or not.

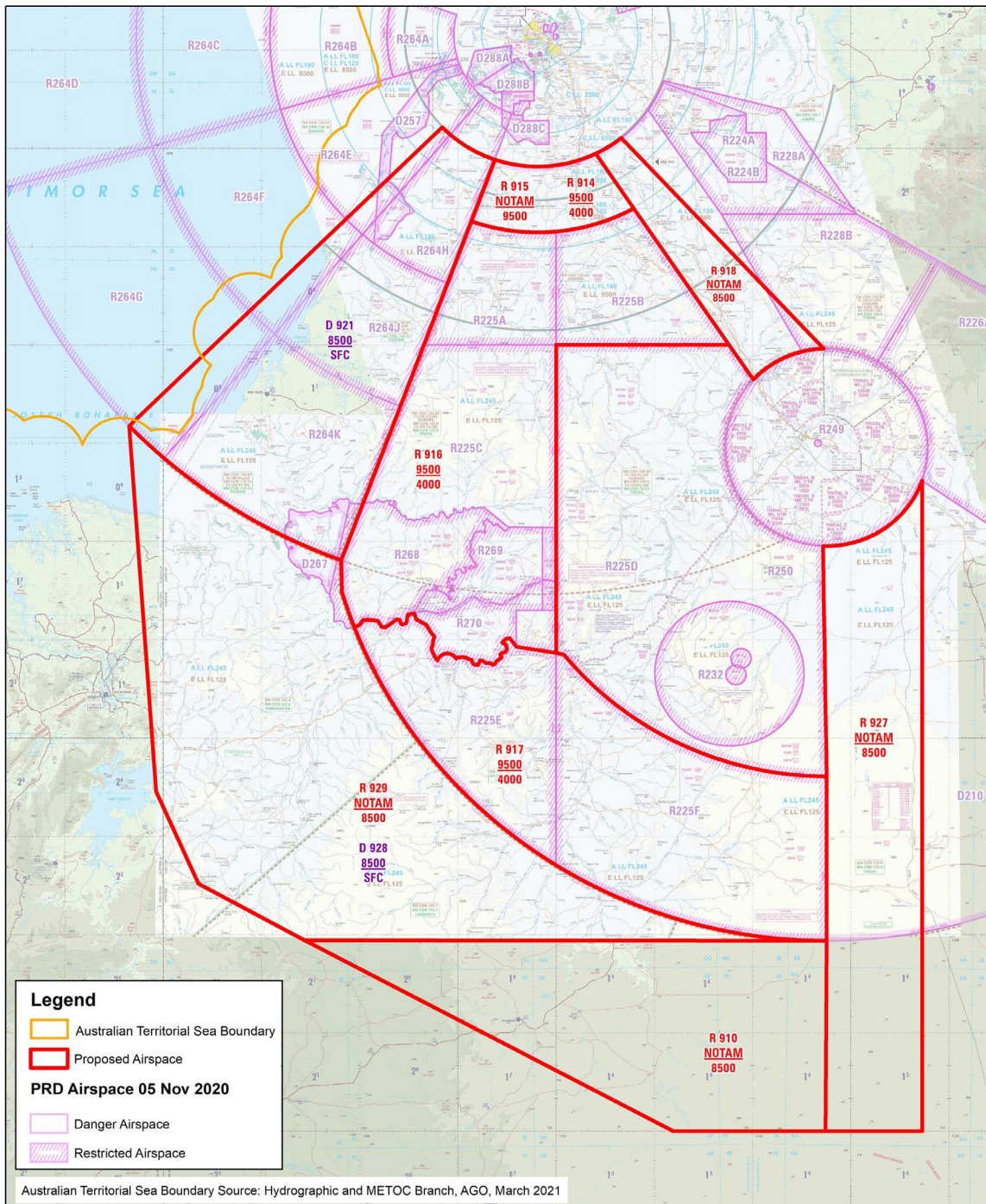
Notwithstanding the prior consultation undertaken and feedback obtained, Defence invites members to provide any further feedback on the proposal by 12 April 2021.

**PROPOSAL**

The ACP consists of 8 x Restricted Areas and 2 x Danger Areas as well as associated diversion routes. The airspace volumes are listed below.

**AIRSPACE VOLUMES**

Area Name	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	RA Status
R910	8500FT AMSL	NOTAM	2
R914	4000FT AMSL	9500FT AMSL	2
R915	9500FT AMSL	NOTAM	2
R916	4000FT AMSL	9500FT AMSL	2
R917	4000FT AMSL	9500FT AMSL	2
R918	8500FT AMSL	NOTAM	2
R927	8500FT AMSL	NOTAM	2
R929	8500FT AMSL	NOTAM	2
D921	SFC	8500FT AMSL	N/A
D928	SFC	8500FT AMSL	N/A



**IMAGE OF THE PROPOSED PERMANENT AIRSPACE**