

AVIATION STATE ENGAGEMENT FORUM

Victoria and Tasmania

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TITLE	Military Exercise ‘Fleet Certification Period’, Bass Strait
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CONSULTATION SUMMARY	To inform AvSEF of military activity in Bass Strait between 15 Feb 21 – 04 Mar 21
KEY ISSUES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military fixed and rotary wing operations will occur in Class G airspace only • Aircraft will operate in accordance with Class G procedures
FEEDBACK TO	FOR ATTENTION: Matthew Brown – Joint Airspace Control Cell (JACC): adf.airspace@defence.gov.au
CLOSE DATE	05 January 2021
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

OVERVIEW

Elements of the Australian Defence Force will be conducting Exercise ‘Fleet Certification Period’ within Bass Strait during the period 15 February – 04 March 2021. Due to the extent of objectives, specific locations in Bass Strait cannot be accurately advised at this time.

This exercise will include maritime patrol aircraft and ship-borne rotary wing in support of Royal Australian Navy vessels.

PROPOSAL

Airspace. Fixed and rotary wing operations will occur in Class G airspace only. A Melbourne FIR (YMMM) NOTAM and AIP SUP will be subsequently published.

Military Aircraft operations. Military aircraft will monitor, and when necessary broadcast on, the appropriate Area, CTAF or Broadcast Area frequency relative to their location.

Fly Neighbourly advice (FN22 Navy Warships). In order to maintain safe operations, pilots should avoid warships by 5NM laterally or not below 2000FT vertically whenever possible, and should not circle the warship at any time.

Traffic alerts and warnings may be passed on FREQ 121.5 MHz to aircraft operating in the vicinity of warships.

JACC is seeking feedback no later than 5th January 2021.