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SYDNEY HARBOUR NEW YEAR'S EVE 2025 AIRSPACE RESTRICTIONS 18 DECEMBER 2025 - 5 JANUARY 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 During the period between 18 December 2025 and 5 January 2026, access to certain portions of the airspace over Sydney Harbour will be restricted because of several activities that will take place as part of a program of New Year's Eve celebrations conducted by the City of Sydney.
- 1.2 Restricted areas R405A and R405B overlay Sydney Harbour to provide for helicopter and floatplane operations. Most of the activities associated with the New Year's Eve celebrations will take place within these restricted areas and within the overlying Class C airspace.
- 1.3 Access to certain portions of R405A and R405B will be restricted during the days prior to, and for several days following, New Year's Eve due to hazards related to pyrotechnic material associated with the firework displays.
- 1.4 This SUP provides details of these activities, the effect of these activities on the surrounding airspace, and the airspace restrictions that will be imposed as a result.

2. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

2.1 Fireworks preparation and barge loading at Glebe Island (R405A)

2.1.1 Between first light on Thursday 18 December 2025 and last light on Monday 5 January 2026, access to the following section of R405A is not available due to hazardous material:

- Horizontal dimensions: the waters of Johnstons Bay, defined by the shoreline between 3351.8S 15111.5E, 3352.2S 15111.2E (Anzac Bridge), and 3351.8S 15111.2E
- Vertical limits: Surface to 500FT AMSL
- Police and emergency services helicopters excepted
- From 202512171810 to 202601050939 UTC

2.2 Fireworks preparation on Sydney Harbour Bridge (R405A/B)

2.2.1 Between first light on Thursday 18 December 2025 and last light on Monday 5 January 2026, access conditions apply to certain sections of R405A and R405B:

- Aerial work operations are not permitted within 300M of any point on the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Transit at normal cruise speed is permitted via the southern pylon by helicopters, floatplanes and aircraft specifically approved by CASA
- Police and emergency services helicopters excepted
- Surface to 500FT AMSL within R405A
- Surface to 1,000FT AMSL within R405B
- From 202512171810 to 202601050939

2.3 Firework barges moving into position on Sydney Harbour

2.3.1 On Wednesday 31 December 2025, between 1500 AEDT and last light, firework display barges will move into position within R405A/B between Glebe Island, Cockatoo Island and Clark Island. Pilots should avoid overflying these barges in the following sections of R405A/B due to hazardous material:

- Surface to 500FT AMSL within R405A
- Surface to 1,000FT AMSL within R405B
- From 202512310400 to 202512310939 UTC.

2.4 Lighting display on Sydney Harbour Bridge

2.4.1 There will be 60 AquaBeam lighting fixtures to create arrays of fan lights over the harbour bridge (30 east and 30 west) and strip lights located across the road deck. Testing and programming of lights will be each evening from Saturday 27 December to Tuesday 30 December 2025 between 2200 AEDT and 0200 AEDT. The event will be in operation Between 1930 AEDT on Wednesday 31 December 2025 and 0200 AEDT on Thursday 1 January 2026.

- Surface to 4,000FT AMSL
- From 202512270830 to 202512311500 UTC
- Operator PH: 0418 475 416

2.5 Firework display on Sydney Harbour

2.5.1 Between 2100 AEDT on Wednesday 31 December 2025 and 0100 AEDT on Thursday 1 January 2026, there will be a series of firework displays on Sydney Harbour from barges located between Cockatoo Island and Clark Island, and from the Harbour Bridge, Sydney Opera House, Salesforce Tower (180 George Street), Grosvenor Tower (255 George Street), Four Seasons Hotel (199 George St), Gateway Plaza (1 Macquarie Place), Sydney Harbour Marriott (30 Pitt Street) and 33 Alfred (33 Alfred Street). Pilots are advised of the possibility of late firing fireworks and should avoid overflying the fireworks barges and buildings within the 30 minute period following the conclusion of a display being 2100 – 2118 on 31 December 2025 and 0000 – 0022 on 1 January 2026.

- Surface to 2,000FT AMSL
- From 202512311000 to 202512311400 UTC.

2.6 Firework display in Darling Harbour

2.6.1 Between 2100 AEDT on Wednesday 31 December 2025 and 0100 AEDT on Thursday 1 January 2026, there will be two firework displays in Darling Harbour from barges located in Cockle Bay, and from Pyrmont Bridge, Sofitel Hotel rooftop (12 Darling Drive) and IAG Tower (201 Sussex Street). Pilots are advised of the possibility of late firing fireworks and should avoid overflying the fireworks barges and buildings within the 30 minute period following the conclusion of a display.

- Surface to 1,000FT AMSL
- From 202512311000 to 202512311400 UTC

3. CANCELLATION

3.1 This SUP self-cancels at 202601050939 UTC.

4. DISTRIBUTION

4.1 Airservices Australia website only.