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**MILITARY EXERCISE 'WADER'
COWLEY BEACH, QUEENSLAND
28 FEB – 05 MAR 2026****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Elements of the Australian Defence Force will be conducting Exercise WADER 2026 (WD26) over the period of 28 FEB – 05 MAR 2026.
- 1.2 WD26 will involve a wide range of tactical flying activities utilising rotary wing and UAS in the vicinity of Cowley Beach Training Area (CBTA) primarily flying within two Temporary Restricted Areas (TRA) established in Class G airspace.
- 1.3 This AIP SUP describes the airspace, timings, access and procedures associated with this activity.

2. AIRSPACE

- 2.1 To facilitate the complex air operations, two TRA will be activated in the vicinity of Cowley Beach. The TRA will be activated by Brisbane FIR (YBBB) NOTAM:

TRA 'SPECTRE'

CONDITIONAL STATUS: RA2

MILITARY FLYING

LATERAL LIMITS: 173823S 1460149E then along the counter clockwise arc of a circle radius 50.00NM centre 165101S 1454438E (YBCS/DME) – 173029S 1461658E – 173029S 1462127E – 175140S 1462127E – 175140S 1461010E – 174412S 1461011E – 174412S 1460203E then north along the Bruce Highway – 173823S 1460149E

VERTICAL LIMITS: SFC - 3000

HOURS OF ACTIVITY: NOTAM

CONTROLLING AUTHORITY: Tactical Air Control Party (TACP),
02 6224 1806

TRA 'GHOST'

CONDITIONAL STATUS: RA1

MILITARY FLYING

LATERAL LIMITS: 173823S 1460149E then along the counter clockwise arc of a circle radius 50.00NM centre 165101S 1454438E (YBCS/DME) – 173029S 1461658E – 173029S 1462127E – 175140S 1462127E – 175140S 1461010E – 174412S 1461011E – 174412S 1460203E then north along the Bruce Highway – 173823S 1460149E

VERTICAL LIMITS: 3000 - 6000

HOURS OF ACTIVITY: NOTAM

CONTROLLING AUTHORITY: Tactical Air Control Party (TACP),
02 6224 1806

2.2 WD26 Airspace Activation

2.2.1 Airspace users should refer to YBBB NOTAM for specific TRA activation timings. Anticipated TRA activation timings are listed in the following table:

Airspace	Dates	Timing
TRA 'Ghost'	28 FEB - 05 MAR 2026	Up to a 10 hour Window Daily
TRA 'Spectre'	28 FEB – 05 MAR 2026	Up to H24

2.2.2 Refer to Appendix 1 for a diagram of TRA 'SPECTRE' and TRA 'GHOST'.

3. WESTERN DIVERSION AROUND WD26 AIRSPACE

3.1 Pilots are to remain west of the Bruce Highway to remain clear of TRA 'SPECTRE' and TRA 'GHOST'

4. ACCESS TO WD26 AIRSPACE

4.1 YIFL RNP RWY 32 is affected by TRA 'SPECTRE' and TRA 'GHOST'. Use of this IFP requires clearance from the controlling authority to transit active TRA.

4.2 In all circumstances, the controlling authority will facilitate access to aircraft with a declared emergency, participating in activities for the preservation of life and property (SAR, MED, POL or FFR) or conducting a non-training instrument approach to YIFL in IMC.

4.3 TRA 'SPECTRE'

4.3.1 Transit of TRA 'SPECTRE' (Conditional Status RA2) may be approved provided that prior coordination has taken place with the controlling authority no later than 12 hours beforehand.

4.4 TRA 'GHOST'

4.4.1 Pilots may flight plan through TRA 'GHOST' (Conditional Status RA1) and under normal circumstances expect a clearance from the controlling authority. Notification of intent to transit TRA 'GHOST' is to be provided to the controlling authority, HQAAF Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) – Afloat, via phone or email.

4.4.2 Clearances through TRA 'GHOST' may be subject to delay due to airspace deconfliction requirements ahead of civil aircraft transit.

- 4.4.3 To avoid delays, transit clearance through TRA 'GHOST' should be coordinated via telephone prior to becoming airborne, where practicable.
- 4.5 Airborne aircraft, having provided sufficient notice in accordance with *paras* 4.3 – 4.4, may request transit through active TRA by contacting the controlling authority, callsign 'RATTA', via the CTAF, FREQ 132.9 MHz.
- 4.6 When requesting transit clearance, pilots shall advise aircraft callsign, type, position, altitude and desired route. Should transits through TRA be required, the underlying Class G services will apply.
- 4.7 Transiting aircraft will be will be deconflicted from UAS operations by at least 1NM laterally or 1,000FT vertically.
- 4.8 The contact details for the controlling authority, HQAAF TACP – Afloat, are as follows:
- 4.8.1 Prior to 22 February 2026:
- a) Email – tacp.afloat@defence.gov.au
 - b) Phone – 08 7929 4182
- 4.8.2 From 22 February 2026 and during activity execution:
- a) Email – tacp.afloat@fleet.defence.gov.au
 - b) Phone – 02 6224 1806

5. AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- 5.1 The TRA controlling authority will monitor, and broadcast on as necessary, the CTAF and emergency frequencies when exercise airspace is active.
- 5.2 Civil airspace users are encouraged to broadcast intentions on CTAF, FREQ 132.9 MHz, in accordance with normal CTAF procedures.

6. CANCELLATION

- 6.1 This SUP self-cancels at 202603051400 UTC.

7. DISTRIBUTION

- 7.1 Airservices Australia website only.

Appendix

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