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Email: adf.airspace@defence.gov.au Phone: 02 6250 6308**MILITARY EXERCISE SOUTHERN CROSS,
NORTHERN TERRITORY, 06 – 17 JULY 2026****1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This SUP cancels and replaces SUP H76/26 with a change to WED 08 JUL activation window in para 2.4.1.
- 1.2 Elements of the Royal Australian Air Force and foreign militaries will be conducting Exercise SOUTHERN CROSS (SC26) over the period 06 – 17 JUL 26. The exercise involves tactical flying activities with aircraft operating from Darwin Aerodrome (YPDN) and Tindal Aerodrome (YPTN).
- 1.3 Aircraft captains, including non-exercise military aircraft, should familiarise themselves with the promulgated diversion routes detailed in Section 6 of this document.
- 1.4 This AIP SUP describes the airspace, diversion routes, timings, access and procedures associated with this activity.

2. AIRSPACE**2.1 Military Flying Exercise Airspace**

- 2.1.1 Permanent restricted areas (RA) and danger areas (DA) will be activated to facilitate military flying over the activity period.
- 2.1.2 Airspace users should refer to local area (DSX and TNX) NOTAM to confirm activation timings for special use airspace (SUA).
- 2.1.3 During the conduct of SC26, an AIRAC change will occur on 09 JUL 26 that impacts the SUA utilised. As such, the airspace is defined both pre and post the AIRAC change.

2.1.4 Prior to 202607081600 UTC, the following SUA will be activated (See Appendix 1 for a depiction of the airspace):

AREA	VERTICAL LIMITS	HOURS
R225ABCDEF	9500 – FL600	NOTAM
R232	SFC – FL600	NOTAM
R238	3500 – FL600	NOTAM
R241	8500 – FL600	NOTAM
R244	4000 – 9500	NOTAM
R245	9500 – FL600	NTOAM
R247	4000 – 9500	NOTAM
R248	4000 – 9500	NOTAM
R250	SFC – 9500	NOTAM
R253	8500 – FL600	NOTAM
R262ABC PARTIAL (See paragraph 2.2)	8500 – FL600	NOTAM
R268	SFC – FL600	NOTAM
R269	SFC – FL600	NOTAM
R270	SFC – FL600	NOTAM
D209	SFC – 2500	NOTAM
D210	SFC – BCTA	As per DAH
D223	SFC – 8500	NOTAM
D229	SFC – 8500	NOTAM
D236AB	SFC – 3000	NOTAM

- 2.2 The following portions of R262 shall be activated in support of the Military Flying Exercise:

R262ABC Partial Activation

Conditional Status: RA2

Military Flying

Lateral Limits: 125549S 1302738E then along the counter clockwise arc of a circle radius 40.00NM centre 122524S 1305423E (DN/DME) – 130327S 1304117E – 150544S 1295421E then along the clockwise arc of a circle radius 170.00NM centre 122524S 1305423E (DN/DME) – 143432S 1290013E – 125549S 1302738E

Vertical Limits: 8500 – FL600

Hours of Activity: NOTAM

Controlling Authority: FLTCDR 452SQN DARWIN

- 2.3 Post 202607081600 UTC, the following SUA will be activated (See Appendix 1 for a depiction of the airspace):

AREA	VERTICAL LIMITS	HOURS
R225ABCDEF	9500 – FL600	NOTAM
R232	SFC – FL600	NOTAM
R238	3500 – FL600	NOTAM
R241	8500 – FL600	NOTAM
R244	4000 – 9500	NOTAM
R245	9500 – FL600	NTOAM
R247	4000 – 9500	NOTAM
R248	4000 – 9500	NOTAM
R250	SFC – 9500	NOTAM
R253	8500 – FL600	NOTAM
R268	SFC – FL600	NOTAM
R269	SFC – FL600	NOTAM
R270	SFC – FL600	NOTAM
R276BCD	8500 – FL600	NOTAM
D209	SFC – 2500	NOTAM
D210	SFC – BCTA	As per DAH
D223	SFC – 8500	NOTAM
D229	SFC – 8500	NOTAM
D236AB	SFC – 3000	NOTAM

2.4 Activation windows

2.4.1 Expected airspace timings are indicated below, however these are subject to change and pilots should refer to NOTAM for accurate activation periods.

Week 28 (06 – 10 JUL 2026)		
	Local time	UTC Time
MON	0900 – 1700	2330 – 0730
TUE	0730 – 1630	2200 – 0700
WED	0730 – 1730	2200 – 0800
THU	0800 – 1700	2230 – 0730
FRI	0800 – 1700	2230 – 0730
Week 29 (13 – 17 JUL 2026)		
	Local time	UTC Time
MON	0800 – 1830	2230 – 0900
TUE	0800 – 1900	2230 – 0930
WED	0800 – 1830	2230 – 0900
THU	NOTAM	NOTAM
FRI	NOTAM	NOTAM

2.5 Airspace activation for other military activities

2.5.1 R224AB Mt Bunday airspace may be activated for other military activities in accordance with normal NOTAM requirements. The highest level for activation during the Military Flying Exercise airspace activation windows shall be FL125.

2.5.2 R226AB Tindal airspace may be activated for other military flying activities in accordance with normal NOTAM requirements. The highest level for activation during the Military Flying Exercise airspace activation windows shall be FL280. Higher upper levels are available outside of Military Flying Exercise airspace activation windows.

2.5.3 R228AB Mt Bunday airspace may not be activated during the Military Flying Exercise airspace activation windows.

2.5.4 Tindal permanent airspace, including Bradshaw and Delamere airspace, may be activated for other military activities in accordance with normal NOTAM requirements.

3. ACCESS TO MILITARY FLYING EXERCISE AIRSPACE

- 3.1 Non-exercise aircraft should not expect access through active restricted areas described above. Procedures described in AIP apply.
- 3.2 No ATS will be provided to civilian aircraft requiring transit of the exercise airspace under the control of Defence. ATS will only be available within DAR CTR, DAR CTA, TDL CTR, TDL R249 below FL200 and any exercise airspace released to Brisbane Centre.
- 3.3 Every endeavour will be made to adjust exercise activities and minimise delays to facilitate transit of non-exercise aircraft engaged in Border Force tasks or diverting around weather.

3.4 D209

- 3.4.1 (The Victoria Highway Corridor) will be available during military exercise activation periods. Victoria Highway Corridor procedures are specified in ERSA under the Tindal Flight Procedures entry.

3.5 D236AB

- 3.5.1 D236AB will be activated in conjunction with activation of R269 and R270.

3.6 D210 civil transit routes

- 3.6.1 When transiting beneath R248 in Exercise Danger Areas D210/D229, civil aircraft are requested to track via the following routes (refer Appendix 2) to assist in de-confliction with military fast jets:
 - a) YAUV (154200S 1300024E) – YTBR
 - b) YTBR – YVRD
 - c) YHBR (162930S 1303742E) – YVRD
 - d) YVRD – YKLE
 - e) YKLE – Yurengen Waterhole (161224S 1322342E).

3.7 Aerial mustering operations

- 3.7.1 Requests for aerial mustering operations Tuesday to Friday must be emailed to tdl.airspacecell@defence.gov.au at least 48 hours prior to the planned activity. Requests for Monday operations must be emailed prior to 0800 Local on the preceding Thursday. A Restricted Operating Zone (ROZ) will be established for notified aerial mustering operations, which military aircraft will plan to avoid. Prepositioning of aerial mustering aircraft should be accomplished outside of airspace activation windows.

4. DARWIN AERODROME PROCEDURES

4.1 Darwin Arrivals (STAR)

4.1.1 All aircraft inbound to Darwin, at or above A100 can expect STAR clearances as per normal operations with the exception of arrivals from the south-west due to R262ABC partial/R276BCD activation. South-western arrivals can expect tracking inbound to Darwin IAW diversion routes in section 6.

4.2 Darwin Departures (SID)

4.2.1 The OLTAS TWO SID is not available during SC26 airspace activation. Departures should expect tracking via J151 IAW diversion routes in Section 6.

5. MILITARY AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

5.1 High-speed military jet aircraft, without communications, will be operating within danger areas during NOTAM activation periods. Traffic information will not be provided to or about military aircraft operating in danger areas.

5.2 Noise sensitive areas

5.2.1 Military aircraft will plan to avoid known sensitive areas, and comply with Fly Neighbourly Advice.

6. DIVERSION ROUTES

6.1 SC26 Airspace (refer Appendix 1).

6.1.1 Pilots should be aware that flight may be restricted when operating within the vicinity of SC26 Airspace in relation to the following scenarios:

- Aircraft requesting User Preferred Routes in the YBBB FIR in the vicinity of this Exercise

6.1.2 The following routes are not available during SC26:

- A461
- A464
- J72
- W287

6.1.3 Pilots intending to operate on these routes must plan in accordance with the diversion routes specified in the following tables.

Affected Route	A461
Use diversion route	DN J251 TN BEBUX GREGA DIGLA
Purpose	Separation from exercise airspace

Affected Route	A464
Use diversion route	IKUMA DN RUPEG IGUVI SURVO RILVO
Purpose	Separation from R225ABD

Affected Route	J72
Use diversion route	<u>All aircraft except YPKU departures</u> DN J151 IRPOM KU <u>YPKU departures</u> KU EGUMI IRPOM J151 DN
Purpose	Separation from R262 ABC, YPKU arrivals and departures separated

Affected Route	W287
Use diversion route	EGUMI IRPOM J151 DN
Purpose	Separation from R262ABC

6.2 Please direct all enquiries relating to Diversion Routes to atm.director@airservicesaustralia.com.

7. PRIORITIES

7.1 Non-exercise aircraft with a declared emergency, radio failure, participating in activities for the preservation of life or property (SAR, MED, POL or FFR), or on operational taskings will be afforded priority for access to the exercise airspace.

7.2 Military Flying Exercise aircraft within the Darwin Terminal Control Area will be afforded equal priority with *ENR 1.4 – 16 para 6.2 d.(i)*.

8. CANCELLATION

8.1 This SUP self-cancels at 202607171430 UTC.

9. DISTRIBUTION

9.1 Airservices Australia website only.

Appendices

1. Military Flying Exercise Airspace
2. Military Flying Exercise Danger Area Transit Routes

