

Salt Ash Air Weapons Range

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Introduction

Salt Ash Air Weapons Range is an ADF air to ground gunnery and bombing facility located about 6 km from RAAF Williamtown RAAF. The <u>range</u> is approximately 34 hectares in size, with a 2,790 hectare safety template zone. It is used regularly by the RAAF for bombing and strafing practice. Due to <u>local pressure over excessive noise</u>, the range is <u>limited to a maximum of 115 days</u> of operational use each year over a 10 year rolling average. In 2017 it was used for 39 days. In April 2018 it was scheduled to be used by <u>US Air Force B-52 bombers deployed to RAAF Darwin</u> with RAAF F/A-18A Hornets, PC-9 aircraft and Joint Terminal Attack Controllers for training in close air support scenarios in regional coalition operations.

Documents

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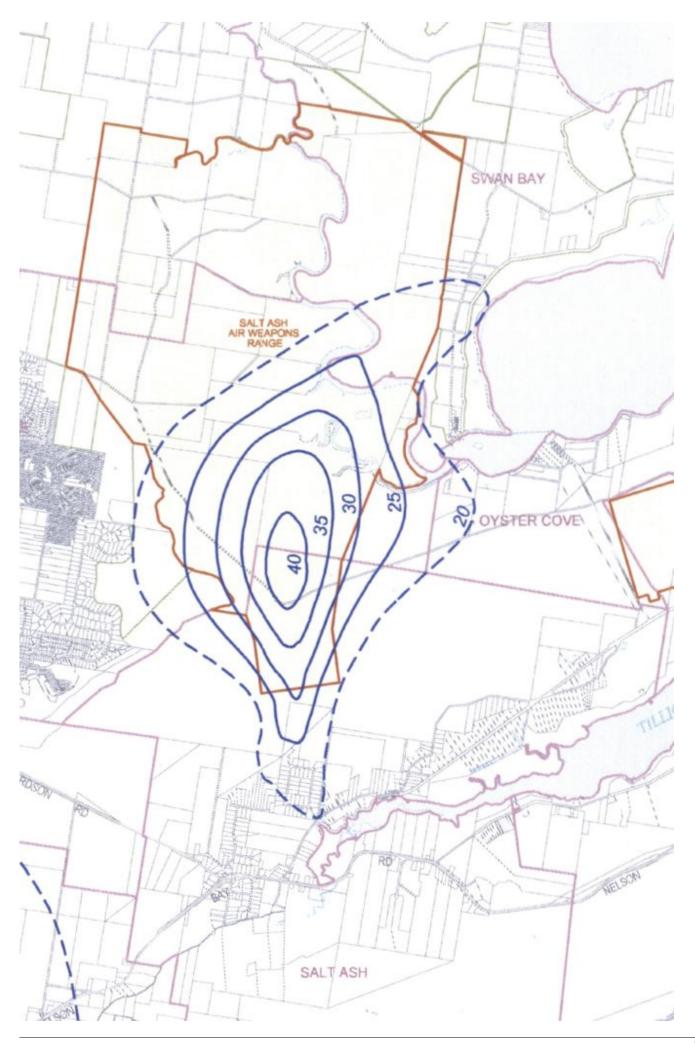
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Target area/ range



Salt Ash Air Weapons Range 2015 Australian Noise Exposure Forecast map (2011)



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