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# 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 [range](#) 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 [local pressure over excessive noise](#), the range is [limited to a maximum of 115 days](#) 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 [US Air Force B-52 bombers deployed to RAAF Darwin](#) 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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## [Target area/ range](#)



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





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