



## RAAF SCHERGER, QUEENSLAND

<b>Base Address</b>	Weipa, Queensland
<b>Base Established</b>	5 August 1998
<b>Region</b>	Queensland
<b>Date of Last Data Review</b>	April 2016



### Description

RAAF Base Scherger is one of the Royal Australian Air Force's three 'bare bases', completing a chain of bases across Australia's 'top end'. The base is located 26 kilometres east of Weipa on the western side of Cape York Peninsula in Queensland.

While the base has facilities to cater for 400 personnel in fixed accommodation, 1,000 personnel in tent lines and about 40 aircraft, it is normally only manned by four Air Force personnel who are responsible for caretaker duties. During peacetime, RAAF Base Scherger hosts on average, one major exercise per year in which the base is fully activated through the arrival of RAAF units based elsewhere in Australia.

Minimal facilities and infrastructure have been established to support military deployments and exercises. RAAF Base Scherger consists of a 3,050 m long runway with a parallel taxiway and one oblique taxiway which can also be used as an emergency runway.



### Base Activities

Base activities include the storage and distribution of petrol, diesel, aviation fuel and waste oil in numerous above ground and underground storage tanks (ASTs/USTs), and the sewage treatment plant (STP).

### Contamination Information

#### Known Contamination

Minor fuel impact has been identified in monitoring wells at the Central Power Station, Vehicle Refuelling Point and Fuel Facility. However concentrations were below investigation levels.

#### Risk Assessment

Potential risks from known contamination have been identified on the base. These risks are actively managed by Defence to ensure that impacts to human health and the environment are minimised.

#### Current Status

Stage 1 desktop investigations and an environmental investigation of USTs/ASTs across the property (Stage 1 and 2) have been completed for the property.





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Defence will conduct additional investigations to assess the quality of soil and/or groundwater around the base as required.

#### **Other Information**

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