



RAAF BASE CURTIN, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Base Address	Derby, Western Australia
Base Established	1983
Region	Central and West
Date of Last Data Review	May 2016



Description

RAAF Base Curtin is located south-east of the town of Derby, 170 kilometres east of Broome on the north coast of Western Australia. The property is over 25,000 hectares in size. The property is one of the RAAF's three "bare bases" and no Air Force units are normally based at Curtin during peacetime. RAAF Curtin was the first major military airfield to be built in Australia since World War II. Construction on the property began in 1983 and it was opened in 1988. During the late 1990s and early 2000s the property operated as a Commonwealth of Australia immigration detention centre. The detention centre closed in September 2002, but was reopened in April 2010 to house Sri Lankan and Afghan asylum seekers.



Base Activities

Activities with the potential to cause contamination include the bulk storage and distribution of fuel and waste oil in a number of underground and above ground storage tanks.

Contamination Information

Known Contamination

There are no known contamination issues at the property.

Risk Assessment

No significant risks to human health or the environment have been identified on the property or on surrounding land.

Current Status

Environmental investigations completed at the property have been limited to investigations of underground and above ground storage tanks used for petroleum storage.

Defence will conduct further investigations as required.

Other Information

For further information, contact Department of Defence at yourcustomer.service@defence.gov.au.

