



PTS FACILITIES UPGRADE AT RAAF BASE PEARCE & RAAF BASE GINGIN – FACT SHEET

What is PTS?

- PTS is the upgraded Pilot Training System (PTS) approved by the Australian Government in August 2015 to replace the existing Air Force, Navy and Army pilot training systems.
- To support Australia's future Defence requirements, the Australian Government is acquiring advanced, new generation aircraft and helicopters, and the Australian Defence Force's Pilot Training System will need to be upgraded accordingly. The new system includes upgraded aircraft, flight training simulators and learning environments.

What is the PTS Facilities Project?

- The PTS Facilities Project is planned to upgrade facilities and infrastructure at five Defence Bases.
- The upgrades will ensure Defence Bases have the necessary capability to train our Air Force, Navy and Army pilots for conversion to advanced, new generation operational aircraft and helicopters.
- The PTS Facilities Project relates to facilities and infrastructure works only. The proposed works will support the operation and maintenance of the new aircraft, simulators and learning environment in order to raise, train and sustain military pilots.

RAAF Base Pearce

- The works at RAAF Base Pearce have been designed to maximise the efficiency of construction by minimising the total number of buildings and ensuring the location is consistent with the existing zone plan usage.
- The following works are proposed:
 - New flight line shelters, aprons and taxiway;
 - New maintenance facilities, flightline office and aircraft storage;
 - New flight training devices facilities, classrooms and briefing rooms;
 - New aircraft wash and engine run-up facilities;
 - A refurbished paint shop; and
 - Truck infrastructure works, landscaping and car parking
- These works will be undertaken within the Base perimeter and construction activities are not expected to cause any disruption to residents or businesses located in the vicinity of the Base.
- Defence is engaging with a variety of stakeholders including federal, state and local government representatives, local Indigenous groups, and local industry.
- Construction traffic routes will be managed through a project traffic management plan, including the use of a dedicated construction access gate to prevent delays to traffic using the main entrance to the Base. Minimal disruption to the local community is anticipated as RAAF Base Pearce is not accessed by roads that serve as trunk roads for local residents.

RAAF Base GinGin

- The works at nearby RAAF Base GinGin will be relatively minor in comparison to those at RAAF Base Pearce, however, allowances have been made within its design for future expansion if required.
- The following works are proposed:
 - New flight line shelters, aprons and taxiway;
 - 2 Flying Training School (2FTS) Working Accommodation and Operations;
 - A flight line Office and Aviation Life Support Equipment; and
 - Storage and car parking

Community benefits

- The project will generate employment both on-site as well as off-site functions for manufacturing and distribution of materials.
- The Managing Contractor will engage with local industry groups to maximise opportunities for local business, providing a positive economic impact to businesses in the region.

Next steps

- All Defence projects worth in excess of \$15 million (inclusive of Goods and Services Tax) are subject to approval by the Australian Parliament via the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC). As part of this process, the public will have an opportunity to provide submissions regarding the project. Defence is committed to ensuring that the views of the local community and other stakeholders are understood.
- The public is invited to attend a community information session, being held from 6.30pm – 7.30 pm on Thursday 24 March 2016 at Lowery Park Hall, 6 Eden Drive, Bullsbrook.
- For more information, please contact the Project Director by email: ptsfacilitiesproject@defence.gov.au.