

HMAS Penguin, NSW | Partial divestment



Address: Middle Head Road, Balmoral, NSW 2088

Size: 16.64 hectares

Commissioned in 1942, HMAS Penguin is part of Navy Fleet Command. This site will be partially divested to retain the critical capability, with the exact portions to be finalised through the divestment process.

Site Functions

This site delivers Navy clearance diver, underwater medicine and maritime geospatial training, a Weapons Training Simulations System and live-in accommodation.

Critical Capability

Navy clearance diver training and an underwater medicine unit.

Site Occupants

All personnel are associated with the critical capability, which will be retained onsite.



Partial divestment: Only part of this site will be divested.

The image above shows full site boundaries, however only part of this site will be divested. Critical capability will be retained with final boundaries to be determined through the divestment process.

Relocation Options

Nil personnel anticipated to be relocated.

History and Heritage

- ① The Australian Government is committed to preserving and enhancing public access to historically significant sites and collections, including museums.
- ② Properties on the Commonwealth Heritage List have protections under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. The Government has an obligation to protect the Commonwealth Heritage Value of a property as part of any sale. Alternative heritage management options will also be considered.
- ③ There is one Commonwealth Heritage Listing for the whole site, which includes multiple buildings.