

RAAF Williams – Laverton, VIC | Partial divestment



Address: 17 Sir Richard Williams Avenue, Laverton VIC 3028

Size: 150 hectares

RAAF Williams – Laverton was established in 1925. Headquarters Air Force Training Group, the ADF School of Languages and the Defence International Training Centre is located at the site. 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 section of the site contains a golf course and vacant land. Government will engage with existing tenants as part of the divestment process.

Site Information

Child care centre services will be retained within the Base.

Critical Capability

This site predominantly provides language school, international training centre and logistics precinct to support critical capability management and service delivery.

Site Occupants

Nil.

Relocation Options

Nil personnel to be relocated.



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.

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 RAAF Williams – Laverton will undergo a partial divestment to retain the critical capability, with the exact portions to be finalised through the divestment process.
- ④ There are two Commonwealth Heritage Listings on the site. These cover the Officers Mess, the eastern hangars and the West Workshops precincts.
- ⑤ The site is also home for some of the Air Force Heritage Collection. Planning is underway to consolidate the Air Force Heritage Collection at Point Cook Museum (see RAAF Williams - Point Cook). There is no public access to this collection.
- ⑥ Options will be explored with future owners to manage heritage obligations as a condition of sale.
- ⑦ Where feasible, museums and collections will be retained and preserved on-site. The Government will also explore partnerships with heritage organisations and trusts to support heritage protection strategies.
- ⑧ Community engagement will inform decisions on preserving and enhancing heritage presentation and public access.