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Capacity to support planning and investment in nuclear stewardship responsibilities



Compliance with Navy and submarine basing principles



Environmental and heritage constraints and opportunities



Community support



Capacity to berth and maintain Nuclear Powered Submarines



Capacity of precincts to support future expansion



Local planning constraints, registered interests in the land, support from port operations



Financial considerations



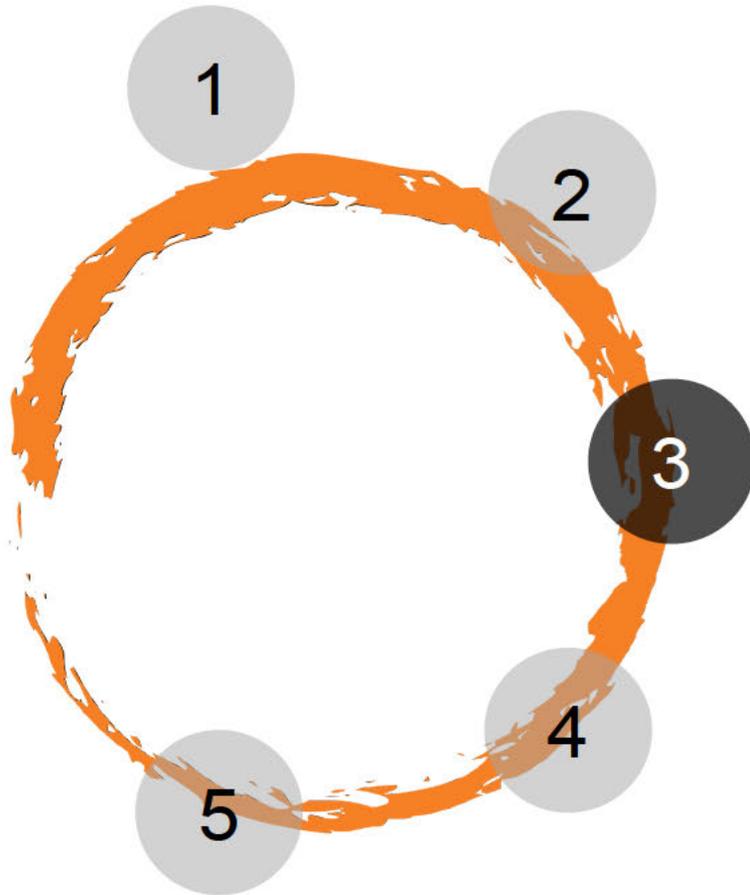
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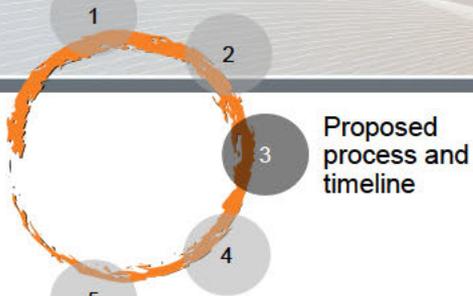
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### Proposed process and timeline

- Defence preferred process and timelines
- Assessment framework
- Community consultation
- Engagement with port operators



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## Tier 1: Universal criteria

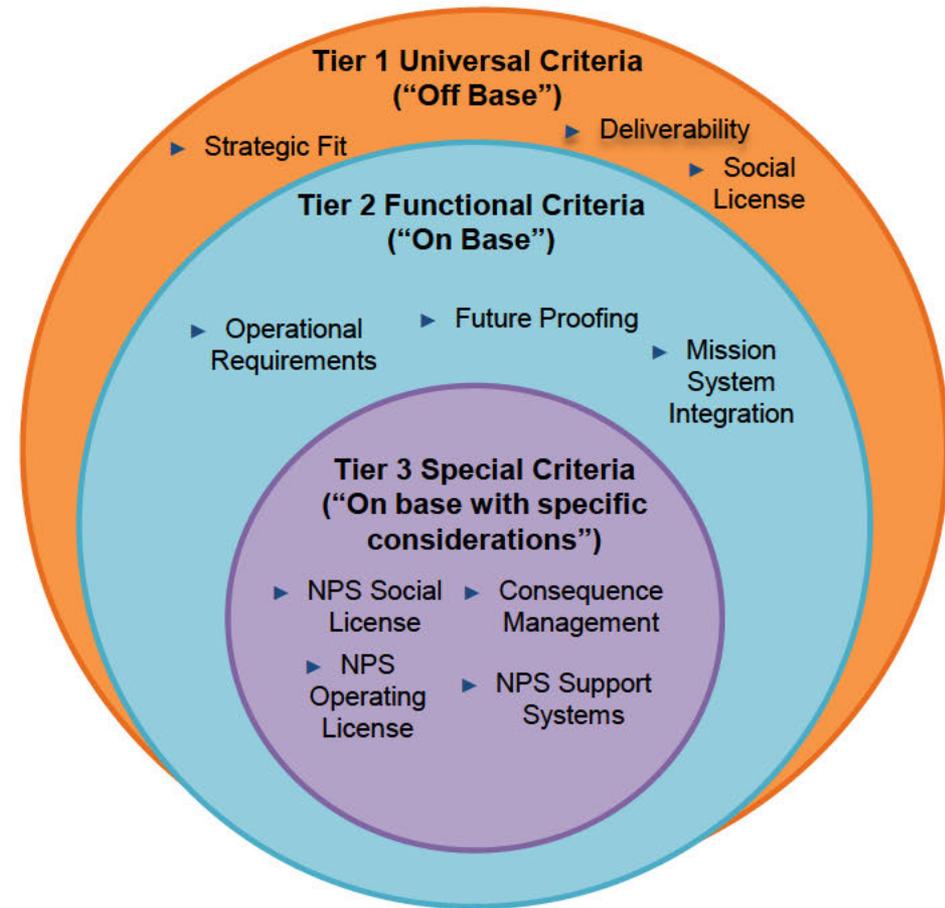
- ▶ Mostly situated “off-base”.
- ▶ Impacts within this Tier typically affect a wide array of stakeholders including Defence, all levels of government (including State and Local), the general community and industry.

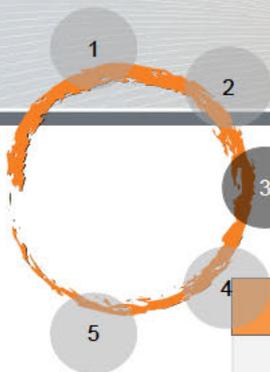
## Tier 2: Functional criteria

- ▶ Criteria that are mostly situated “on-base” relating to the functional and operating.
- ▶ Impacts are on-base operations and Defence stakeholders.

## Tier 3: Special criteria

- ▶ Criteria that encompass special criteria relating to mission-specific parameters.
- ▶ Tier 3 criteria relates to ensuring the base is adequately established to house nuclear capability.





Proposed process and timeline

### Strategic Fit

- ▶ Strategic fit with government objectives
- ▶ Ability to attract and retain personnel

### Social License

- ▶ Community and societal considerations
- ▶ Economic and industry opportunities
- ▶ Planning and approvals

### Deliverability

- ▶ Environment, sustainability, and resilience
- ▶ Infrastructure and operational interfaces
- ▶ Deliverability and risk

## Tier 1 – Universal Criteria

### Operational Requirements

- ▶ Land infrastructure
- ▶ Port specific infrastructure and operations
- ▶ Climate and environmental
- ▶ Optimisation of external services and interfaces
- ▶ Security and Defensibility

### Mission System Integration

- ▶ Defence Capability System Network Optimisation

### Future Proofing

- ▶ Future requirements

## Tier 2 – Functional Criteria

### NPS Social License

- ▶ Local Community

### NPS Operating License

- ▶ Governance and Regulatory

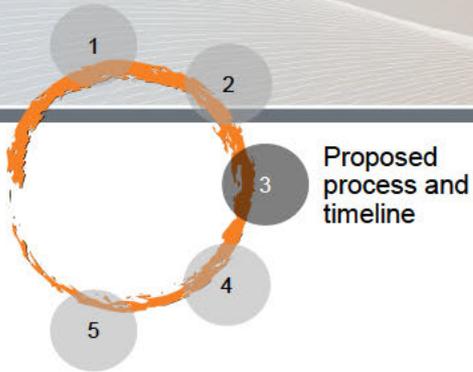
### NPS Support Systems

- ▶ NPS Workforce
- ▶ NPS Security
- ▶ NPS Waste

### Consequence management

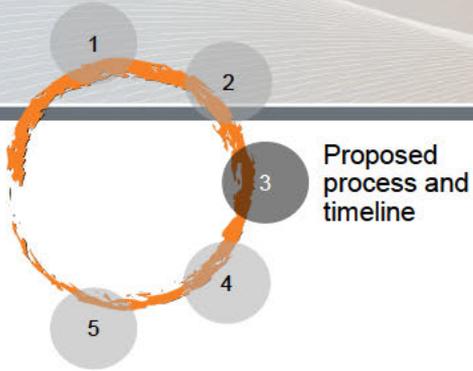
- ▶ Consequence management

## Tier 3 – Special Criteria

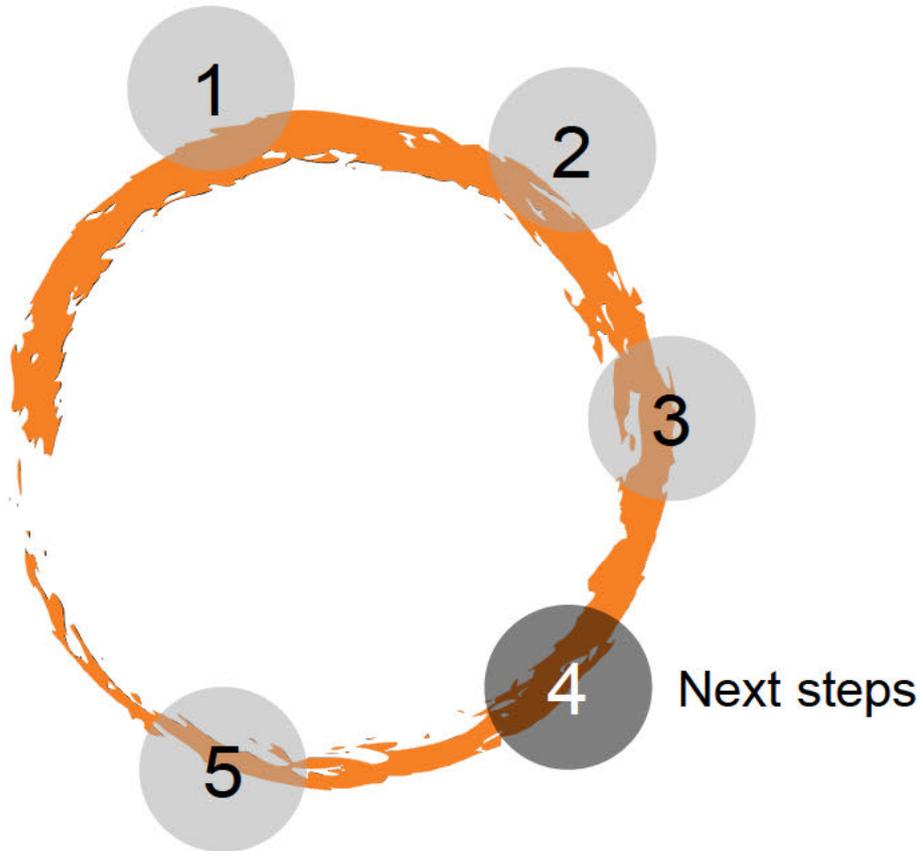


- Consultation is assumed to be a joint Commonwealth / State activity
- Consultation should commence when there is agreement on the sites to be assessed
- Commonwealth assumes it will take the lead on community consultation

# Engagement with Port Operators



- Engagement with Port Operators is assumed to be a State activity
- Engagement should commence when there is agreement on the sites to be assessed



Defence requests States to confirm sites they are prepared to be considered as a new east coast naval base

Defence undertakes a preliminary assessment of offered sites

Guiding principles for cooperation are agreed

Delineation of Cth / State investment responsibilities agreed

Commence community consultation



# SEG Estate Planning

## USW East Coast Naval Base

### Multi-Criteria Analysis February 2023

#### Assessment Framework - The 3 Tier Approach

The Tiers within the Assessment Framework are outlined below and depicted in the diagram on the right.

##### Tier 1: Universal criteria

Criteria that is mostly situated "off-base" that would be applicable to most major infrastructure projects (e.g. alignment to government initiatives, deliverability and risk, and community and societal considerations) and primarily comprising of non-operational drivers. Impacts within this Tier typically affect a wide array of stakeholders including Defence, all levels of government (including State and Local), the general community and industry.

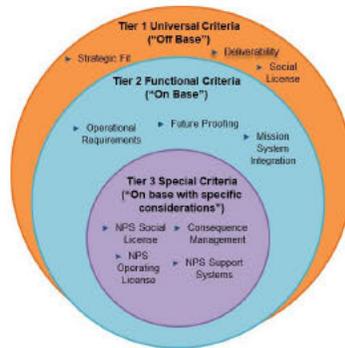
##### Tier 2: Functional criteria

Criteria that are mostly situated "on-base" relating to the functional and operating requirements (e.g. land infrastructure, compatibility of existing portside infrastructure) impacts within this Tier are anticipated to mostly affect on-base operators and Defence stakeholders. For this Report, the focus has been on the functional requirements for a future USW East Coast Naval Base.

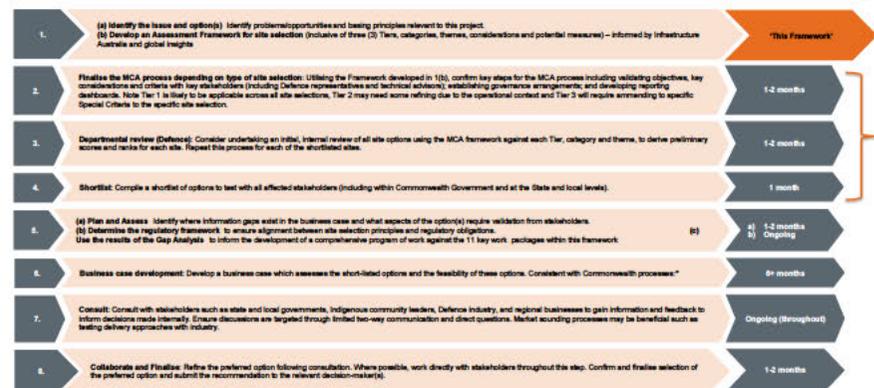
##### Tier 3: Special criteria

Criteria that encompass special criteria relating to mission-specific parameters. With regards to the site selection mandate, Tier 3 criteria relates to ensuring the base is adequately established to house nuclear capability – specifically in the context of a future USW East Coast Naval Base. However, depending on the mission parameters, certain Defence projects may not require a Tier 3 overlay.

It is important to note that individual Tiers are not mutually exclusive and there may be instances where considerations may fall into more than one Tier and assessed from a different lens depending on the relevance and importance of that consideration to the naval base. One such example is road infrastructure which has applicability both on and off the base. This is demonstrated below right.



#### How to Apply the Assessment Framework



\*Using the project may be subject to co-contributions from the Commonwealth, State and/or Industry. It is likely that State Government business case processes may need to be followed.

#### The Three Tiers distill into 11 critical work-packages to deliver site selection within Defence



- 9. Internal Departmental Activities
- 10. Communication and Consultation
- 11. Safety