

# AvSEF Paper

## Establishment of 'R350C' – Vertical extension to Puckapunyal Training Area VIC

### SUBMITTED BY

Joint Airspace Control Cell (JACC)

### CONSULTATION SUMMARY

JACC requests feedback on the establishment of a permanent Restricted Area 'R350C' from FL200-FL230 with the same lateral dimensions as R350A (SFC-A050) and R350B (A050-FL200).

### KEY ISSUES

This proposal notes the following key issues:

- Establishment of a permanent Restricted Area to extend the vertical dimensions of the Puckapunyal Training Area.
- All airspace is within extant class 'C' an 'A' airspace administered by Airservices Australia.

### FEEDBACK TO

Joint Airspace Control Cell - [adf.airspace@defence.gov.au](mailto:adf.airspace@defence.gov.au)

### CLOSE DATE

1 May 2024

### PROPOSAL

The vertical limits of the established restricted areas overhead the Puckapunyal Training Area are insufficient to contain some of the activities planned for this area. The JACC is proposing the establishment of a permanent restricted area (R350C) to extend the vertical limits of R350B from FL200 to FL230. Details of this airspace are displayed below:

#### **R350C**

**Conditional Status:** RA2

**Military Non-Flying**

**Lateral Limits:** 370130S 1444930E – 365240S 1444930E – 365000S 1445600E – 365230S 1445600E – 365235S 1450345E – 365500S 1450530E – 370130S 1445900E – 370130S 1444930E

**Vertical Limits:** FL200 – FL230

**Hours of Activity:** NOTAM

**Controlling Authority:** Army RCO Puckapunyal

This airspace is expected to be activated for approximately four separate activities each year with one to two activation windows daily of approximately 4 hours' duration for each respective activity. While this is a small amount of activations, establishment of this additional airspace volume will provide a number of benefits, namely:

- Airspace defined and depicted in AIP, including charts.
- Reduced NOTAM length and complexity with dimensions contained in AIP.
- Airspace volume available for electronic flight bag display, increasing aircrew awareness.

Previously, these activities have been contained within temporary restricted areas established for the same dimensions as this proposal. While this remains an available option to cater for future activities, temporary restricted areas do not provide the benefits noted above, require a significantly larger lead time to arrange, and increase complexity and aircrew briefing workload.

All stakeholders are invited to provide feedback on the proposal via the Joint Airspace Control Cell: [adf.airspace@defence.gov.au](mailto:adf.airspace@defence.gov.au) by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2024.