

# Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 2025

## Charters Towers Region, QLD

### **SUBMITTED BY**

Royal Australian Air Force – Joint Airspace Control Cell

### **CONSULTATION SUMMARY**

JACC requests feedback on proposed temporary restricted areas (TRA) and procedures for Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 2025, specifically to be employed near Charters Towers.

### **KEY ISSUES**

This proposal notes the following key issues:

- Activation of TRA ‘LAKEVIEW’ to support a large-scale military parachute activity in an area 10NM west of Charters Towers.
- Activation of TRA ‘FENRIR’ to support a dynamic multi-aircraft rotary wing activity around Macrossan.
- No impact to published air routes, but both TRA will likely affect Charters Towers’ Instrument Approach Procedures (IAP). Details to be published in AIP SUP and NOTAM.
- Conditional status of both TRA will be RA2; transit will not be approved except in case of emergency.

### **FEEDBACK TO**

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

### **CLOSE DATE**

31 Jan 25

### **OVERVIEW**

Elements of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and partner nation militaries will be conducting Exercise ‘TALISMAN SABRE 2025 (TS25)’ during the month of July 2025.

TS25 is a large-scale military activity, involving a wide range of military air, sea and land activities across the Queensland coast.

Two Temporary Restricted Area (TRA) are proposed near Charters Towers to safely separate civil aircraft from the military flying activities.

This AvSEF Paper does not exhaustively cover the proposed Temporary SUA for TS25. Stakeholders should refer to the AvSEF website for consultation material relating to different areas under ‘Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 2025’.

# PROPOSAL

## Mt Windsor/Lake Powlathanga

The proposed airspace is a low-level TRA located approximately 16NM south-west of Charters towers, in the vicinity of Lake Powlathanga, Lakeview Station and Mt Windsor. The TRA is required to support a large-scale military parachute activity within a six hour window on the night of the 13 Jul 25, extending through the night until the early morning of 14 Jul 25. See Figure 1.

In the unlikely event of cancellation due unforeseen circumstances (eg weather), the following day (14 – 15 Jul 25) will serve as a spare activation period. Specific timings of airspace activation windows will be confirmed by AIP SUP and NOTAM.

TRA 'LAKEVIEW' (Lakeview Parachute Drop Zone)		
Date	Time (Local)	Time (UTC)
13 Jul 25	2200 – 2359 13 Jul 25	1200Z 13 Jul – 1359Z 13 Jul 25
14 Jul 25	0000 – 0400 14 Jul 25	1400Z 13 Jul – 1800Z 13 Jul 25

**Table 1. Planned activation timings for TRA 'LAKEVIEW'**

The Charters Towers (YCHT) may be affected during activation of TRA 'LAKEVIEW'. If affected, the instrument flight procedures will be promulgated as 'unavailable' by NOTAM and AIP SUP. The minimum distance between YCHT and TRA 'LAKEVIEW' is in excess of 10NM.

During NOTAM activation periods, access by non-exercise aircraft through TRA 'LAKEVIEW' will not be available except in cases of a declared emergency, radio failure or participating in activities for the preservation of life and property (SAR, MED, POL or FFR). Transit procedures will be promulgated via AIP SUP.

### YBBB/TRA 'LAKEVIEW'

**Conditional Status:** RA2

**Military Flying**

**Lateral Limits:** 200714S 1453048E – 195452S 1454747E – 201443S 1460520E – 202654S 1454717E – 200714S 1453048E

**Vertical Limits:** SFC – 5000

**Hours of Activity:** NOTAM

**Controlling Authority:** Department of Defence

**Activity:** Paradrop Activity

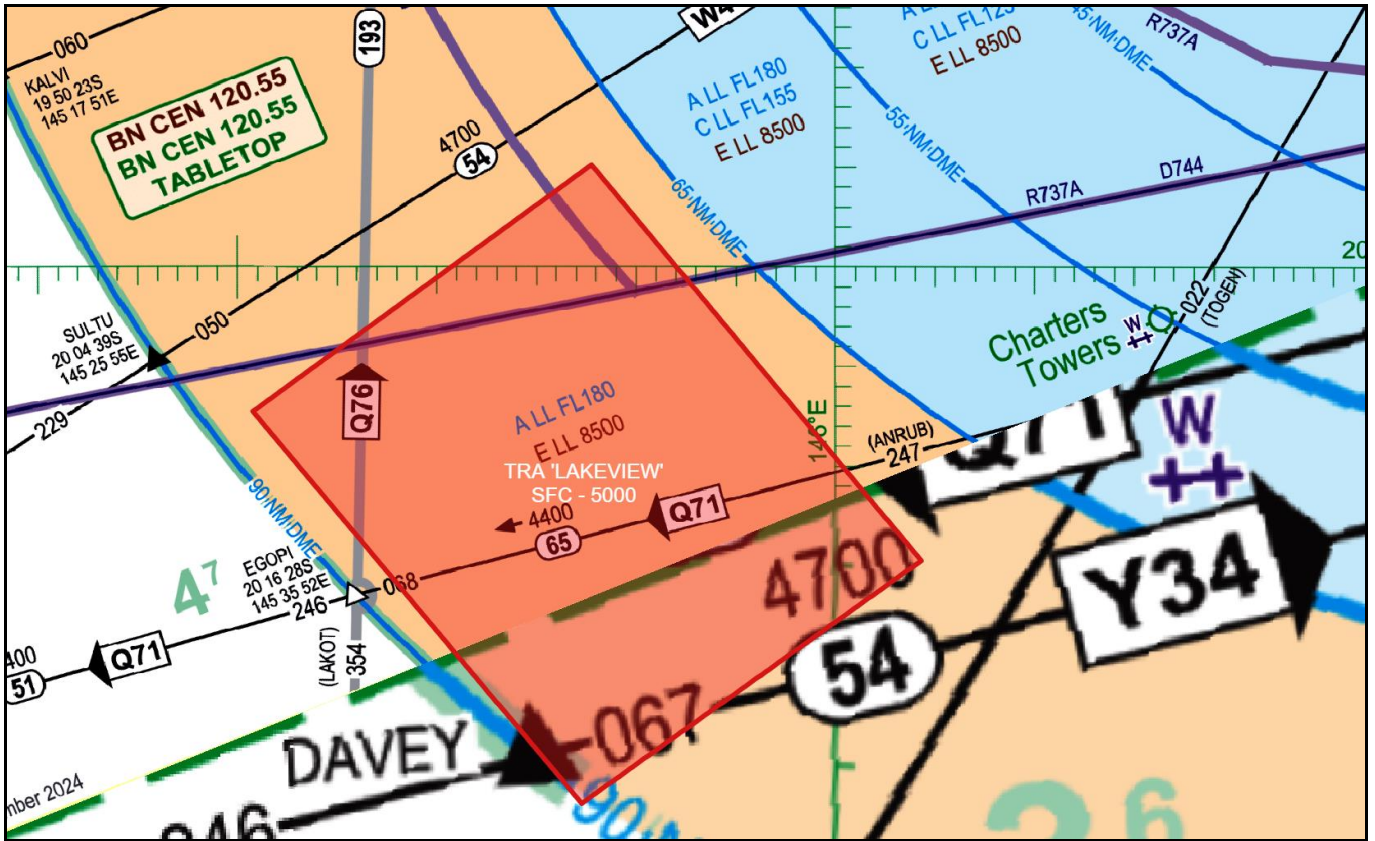


Figure 1. TRA 'LAKEVIEW'

### Macrossan

The proposed airspace is a low-level TRA around Macrossan, designed to allow high tempo, dynamic rotary wing aircraft staging near the Townsville Field Training Area (TFTA). The expected traffic density consists of multi-nation military rotary wing aircraft of various wake turbulence categories. These aircraft will be conducting non-standard, high-intensity manoeuvres and will be unable to comply with AIP broadcast requirements in Class G. The tempo, complexity and nature of military flying operations require TRA to ensure non-participant aircraft are safely segregated. As such, TRA 'FENRIR' is proposed to be activated for the following times:

Date	Planned activation times (Local)
12 – 28 Jul 25	H24

Table 2. Planned activation timings for TRA 'FENRIR'

Specific timings of airspace activation windows will be confirmed by AIP SUP and NOTAM.

The Charters Towers (YCHT) IFP may be affected by the activation of TRA 'FENRIR'. If affected, the instrument flight procedures will be promulgated as 'unavailable' via NOTAM and AIP SUP. The minimum distance between YCHT and TRA 'FENRIR' is in excess of 6NM.

During NOTAM activation periods, access by non-exercise aircraft through TRA 'FENRIR' will not be available except in cases of a declared emergency, radio failure or participating in activities for the preservation of life and property (SAR, MED, POL or FFR). Transit procedures will be promulgated via AIP SUP.

**YBBB/TRA 'FENRIR'**

**Conditional Status: RA2**

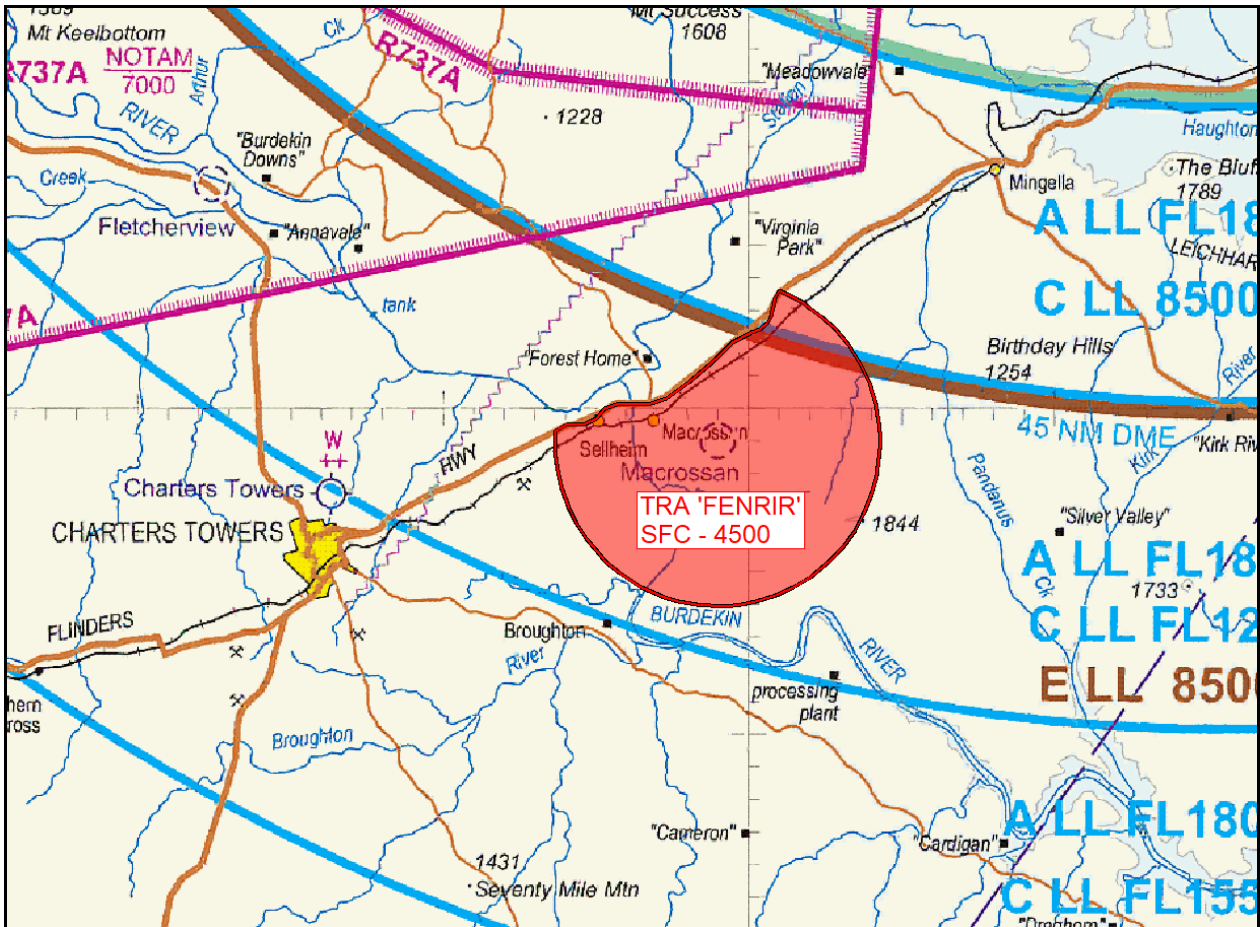
**Military Flying**

**Lateral Limits:** 195624S 1463108E then along the clockwise arc of a circle radius 5.00NM centre 200100S 1462900E – 200040S 1462342E then along THE FLINDERS HWY – 195624S 1463108E

**Vertical Limits:** SFC – 4500

**Hours of activity:** NOTAM

**Controlling Authority:** Defence, contact details to be specified in AIP SUP/NOTAM.



**Figure 2. TRA 'FENRIR'**

AvSEF members are invited to provide feedback to JACC: [adf.airspace@defence.gov.au](mailto:adf.airspace@defence.gov.au) by 31 Jan 25.