



### WOOMERA

### TEST RANGE

(CTU 646.7.3)

### The Woomera Test Range in 2020

- Tester Perspectives

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- Introduction
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- Questions and discussion





### Purpose - Outcomes

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- What's important in establishing a world class test range
- Outcome
- An understanding of key issues and challenges for Defence & Industry





### Some Challenge Primers

- People/Organisational
  - DSTO/AOSG/ARDU Heritage
  - Current workforce profile techos are operaters
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  - Industry base limited commercialisation tried
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  - Support Model
- Policy/Political/Financial
  - National Security
  - Self-reliance good Coalition Partner
  - WPA
  - WTR business model
- Technological
  - 1960s instrumentation dragged into 1990s
  - Range instrumentation
  - NCW instrumentation
  - Spectrum
  - Concurrent trials?
- 'Socio-economic'
  - Native Title / Resource Sector
  - · COTS / MOTS acquisitions without trials planning and depth





### INTRODUCTION





In brief...

### The Woomera Test Range exists to:

"provide Australia with its own ability to conduct world-leading research and experimentation, and leading-edge operational test and evaluation of air, space and land technologies in support of national defence objectives"

### CAF's Capability Intent is for the WTR to:

<u>Enable</u> the 'testing of war material' by our warfighters.



The Woomera Test Range is operated by the RAAF Aerospace Operational Support Group (AOSG), an operational Force Element Group of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Headquarters Woomera Test Range (HQ WTR), is the Wing-level element within HQAOSG (CTU 646.7.3) and is responsible for the day to day management of the Range. HQ WTR is located at RAAF Base Edinburgh just north of Adelaide, South Australia.

The Woomera Test Range is located approximately 450km north-east of Adelaide.



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#### **Historical and Current:**

1947 – 1980 Anglo-Australian Project

1980 – 1991 DSTO Ranges Branch – Minor level of activities supporting

Defence T&E objectives

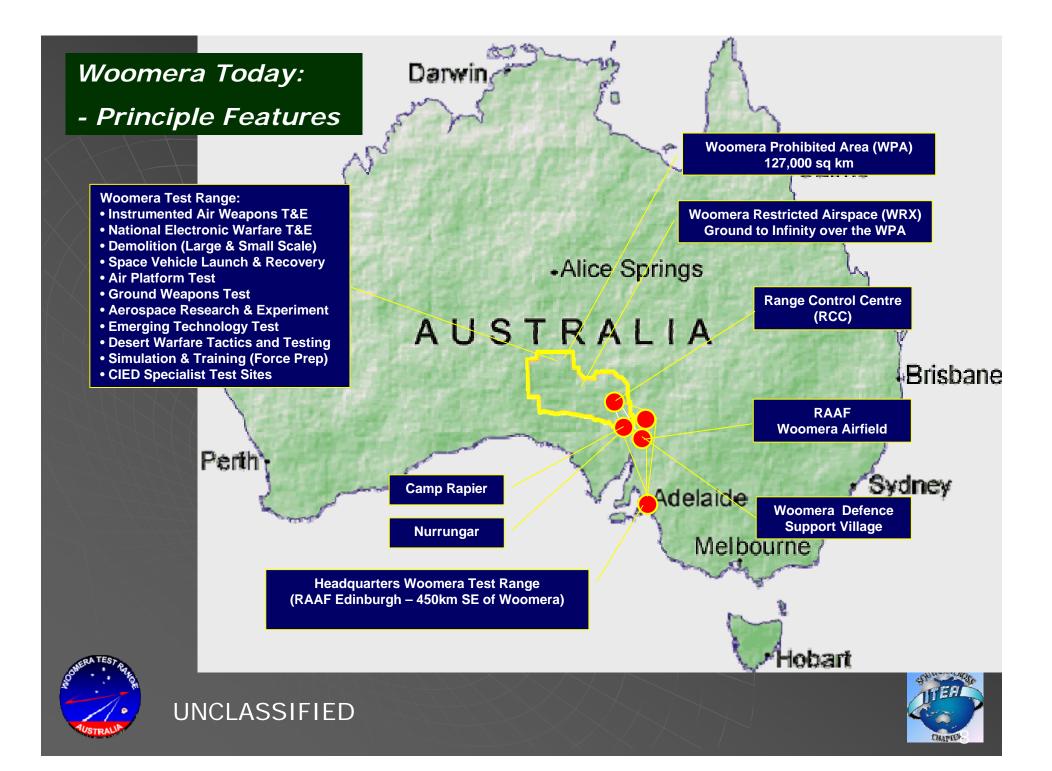
1991 – 2003 ARDU – Increased level of aerospace T&E activities with DSTO continuing as major user

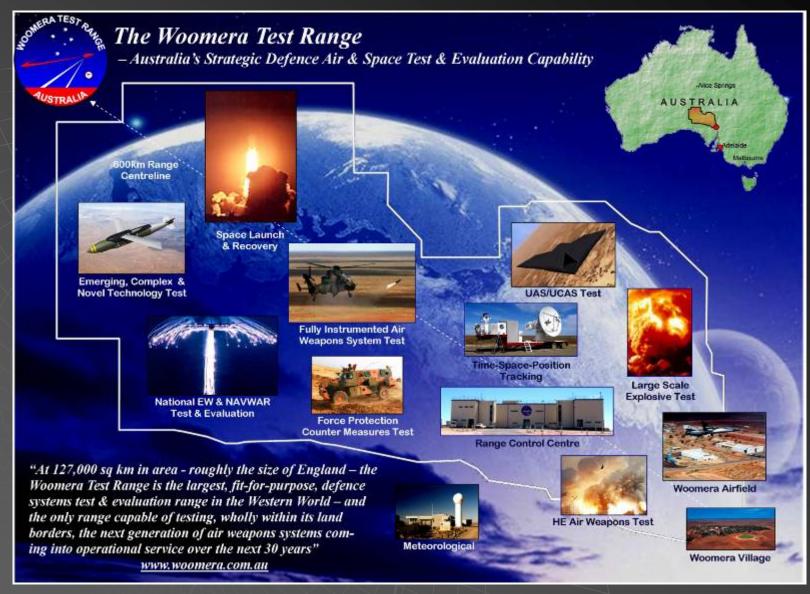
AOSG/WTR – substantial increase in all forms of T&E activities. Range currently operating at beyond its resourced capacity with, annually, around 100 significant trials and other events, over 1800 days annually of testing, around 70-90,000 bed-nights needed each year, and the airfield hosting over 1200 sorties per year, including over 200 heavy aircraft movements (greater than Darwin)











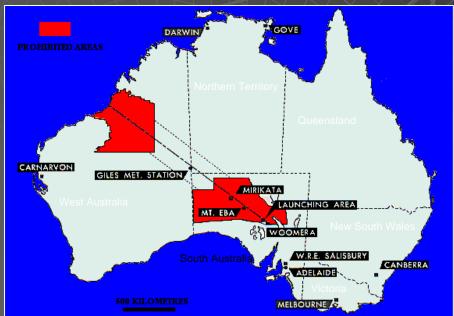


Overview – "The Woomera Capability"

#### Establishment of the Range:

The Woomera Test Range corresponds physically with the Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA), which was established in 1947 under the Anglo-Australian Joint Project to support the testing of British and Australian short and long range Missiles. While the range has downsized, with the closure of the West Australian section in the early 1970's, today it is still roughly the size of England or, the State of Florida. The Range today covers 127,000 sq km (49,000 sq ml). In its heyday in the 1950s and 60s, Woomera was the second busiest rocket range in the world – second only to Cape

Canaveral in the USA.





'PROSPERO' - launched from Lake Hart



'ELDO' - launched from





The 'original' Range layout





#### Operations - testing tomorrow's systems today...



#### Deep Space Mission Recovery - Hayabusa





In June 2010, Woomera was again part of space history as a Japanese mission into deep space to bring the first ever samples of an asteroid back to Earth reached the end of its 7 year mission to the Itokawa Asteroid. The successful return of the Japanese Experimental Space Agency (JAXA) <a href="Hayabusa">Hayabusa</a> probe underlined the special attributes of Woomera's vast, empty, but highly secure and safe, air and ground spaces to support space-based activities.



### Operations - testing tomorrow's systems today...

• Space Vehicles – test bed of the Hypersonics programs:





Australia's Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO), in partnership with the United States Air Force, the University of Queensland, Boeing and BAE Systems are developing the technologies needed for sustained flight at Mach 8. The 'HiFIRE' test program launches from Woomera to over 330kms out into space before landing back well within the land boarders of the Range.





#### **Objectives:**

#### Strategic:

- Meet CAF's Capability Intent for the WTR
- Professionalise the operation of the range to world-class standards
- Assist the implementation of JP 3024 Remediation of the WTR
- Assist the implementation of the DSG Range Infrastructure Project

#### **Operational:**

• Enhance the ADF's warfighting capabilities through on-going direct support to ADF T&E and other directed national objectives

#### Tactical:

• Within available resources, daily provide a fit-for-purpose test range capability the operates safely, efficiently, and in accordance with directed ADF priorities

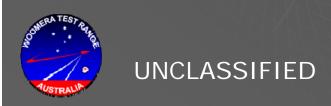




### CAF's Capability Intent for the WTR:

"The WTR will have sufficient funding allocated to meet the intended RoE of:

- an instrumented range service available for 24 weeks per year,
- a non-instrumented range service supporting seven to ten small scale training and evaluation activities available for 14 weeks per year,
- a concurrent instrumented and non-instrumented range services available for 40 weeks per year,
- a support service available for 52 weeks, and
- a 24 hour day/night 'on call' airfield service structured to support 1200 air movements per year.



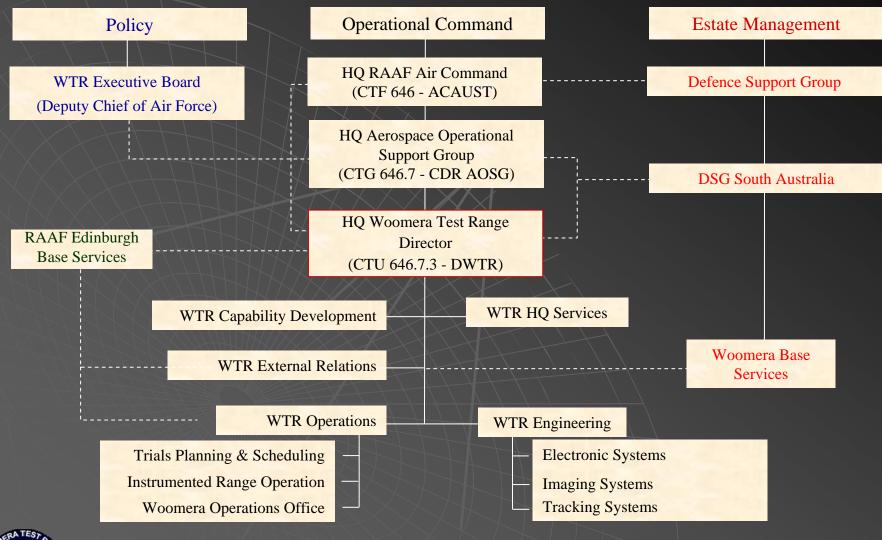


### **CURRENT OPERATIONS**



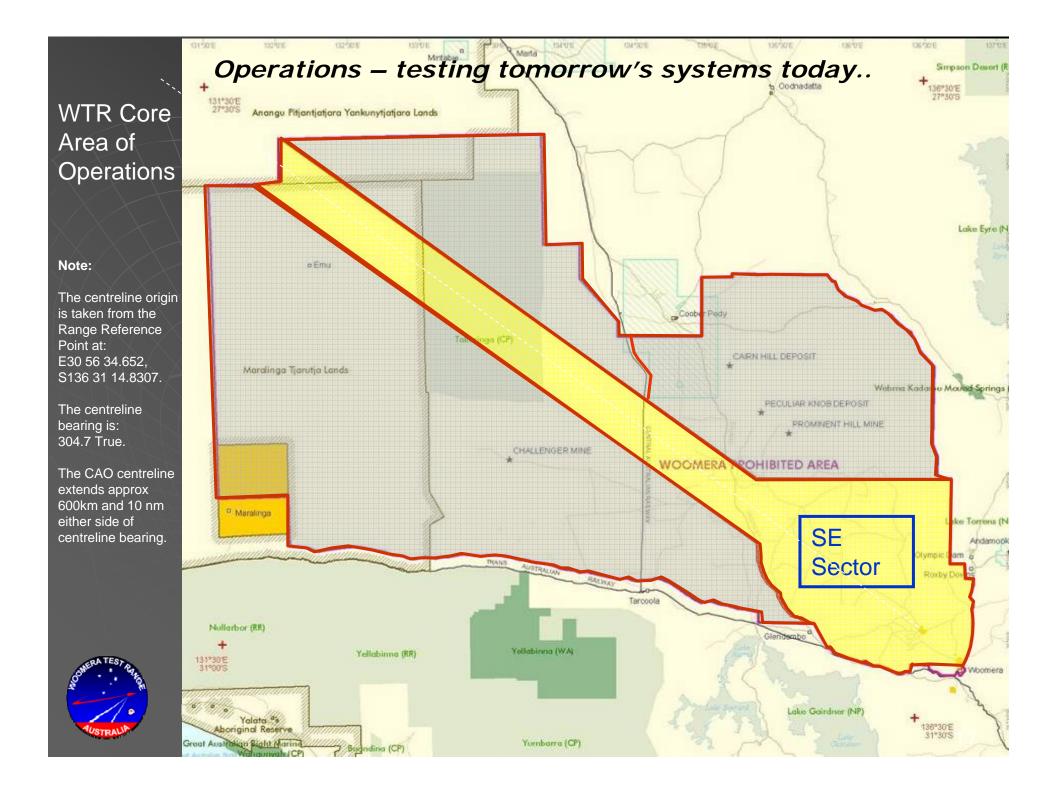


### Functional Organisation:





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### **Tasking**

- Space and other Rocket Launch/Recovery Trials
- Missile, Bombing, and other Air Trials except UAV
- EO, Gun, Force Prep, and other special weapons trials
- UAS/UCAS Flight Test and Cruise Missile Trials
- Interference and other EW Trials
- Laser and other specialised technology Trials
- Visits and other operational and support Tasks



DSTO HiFire



AMRAAM Program





ADF Electronic Warfare **Programs** 



AGM-142 Program



TRIGAT Program



Tiger & Hellfire Program



Hayabusa Program



PzH 2000 Howitzer Program



USAF Combat Sent RC-135U GPS Jarnming Program





#### **Rate of Effort:**

Operational Tempo is very high. Missile and Air Weapons testing are often back to back. Supported instrumented range time is in high demand with bookings now stretching well into the foreseeable future. Strong programs around rocket-based activities, electronic warfare testing, weapons and ordnance testing from all platforms round out a full annual schedule of activities. Full airbase activation supporting heavy and fast jet operations is a regular occurrence. Woomera is the recognised home of military UAV testing in Australia - and is fast becoming the destination of choice for our allies.



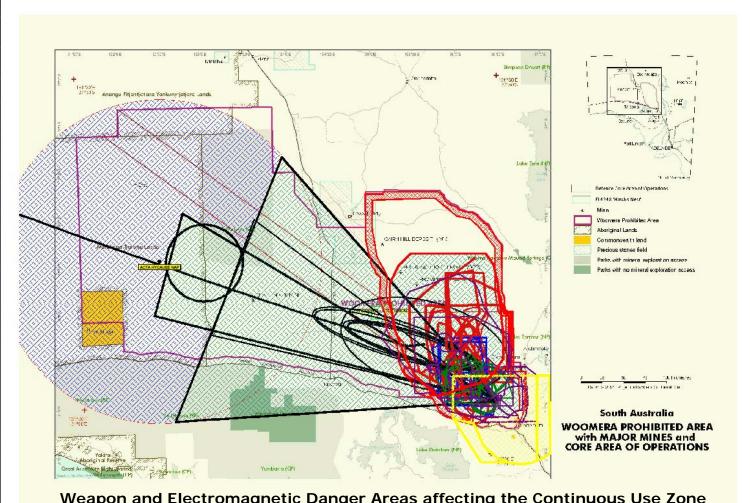
Heron UAV







### Usage 2005 - 2010







Weapon and Electromagnetic Danger Areas affecting the Continuous Use Zone (Electromagnetic / GPS Denial in Yellow and Weapons: Red - Missiles, Blue - Bombs, Purple - UAS's and Black - Space / Rocket Research)

#### The Challenges:

- Obsolescence of Systems JP 3024 to remedy
- 'Orphan' perceptions aim is to 'mainstream' operations and operational support
- Ageing Infrastructure DSG Infrastructure Remediation Project to start to address
- Workforce staff to handle dramatically increased demand for range services
- Encroachment by Mining Hawke Review and implications (control/security/staff)
- Pastoralists, Environmental, and Indigenous continued liaison and management
- Garrison Support contract due for change over at end of 2011
- Future configuration of Range where best to locate range resources (esp. 'people')
- Operating and Funding Model further review by Defence?

Millage Sustainment Model – critical support element of range operations

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### RAAF Woomera Test Range – Summary of Outputs

#### Purpose

- Support whole of Defence aerospace T&E
- ◆ Defence Capability Program (DCP) projects
- ◆ Explosive Ordnance storage, maintenance, testing and demolition
- Surface-surface ammunition testing
- Electronic Warfare Trials
- ◆ Hazards of Electromagnetic Radiation to Ordnance (HERO) testing
- Small scale training activities
- Special Forces activities
- Research activities (University and Special Interest Groups)
- ◆ Support to Defence Industry aerospace T&E and space activities

#### Defence Users

- Australian Defence approx 44 weeks per year
- ♦ Approx 24 weeks are for complex trials
- Approx 22 weeks of activities are in direct support of the force-in-being (i.e. RAAF Force Element Groups and Australian Army Aviation)
- ADTEO (formally 'DTRIALS') and DSTO also significant users approx 15-20 weeks per year.

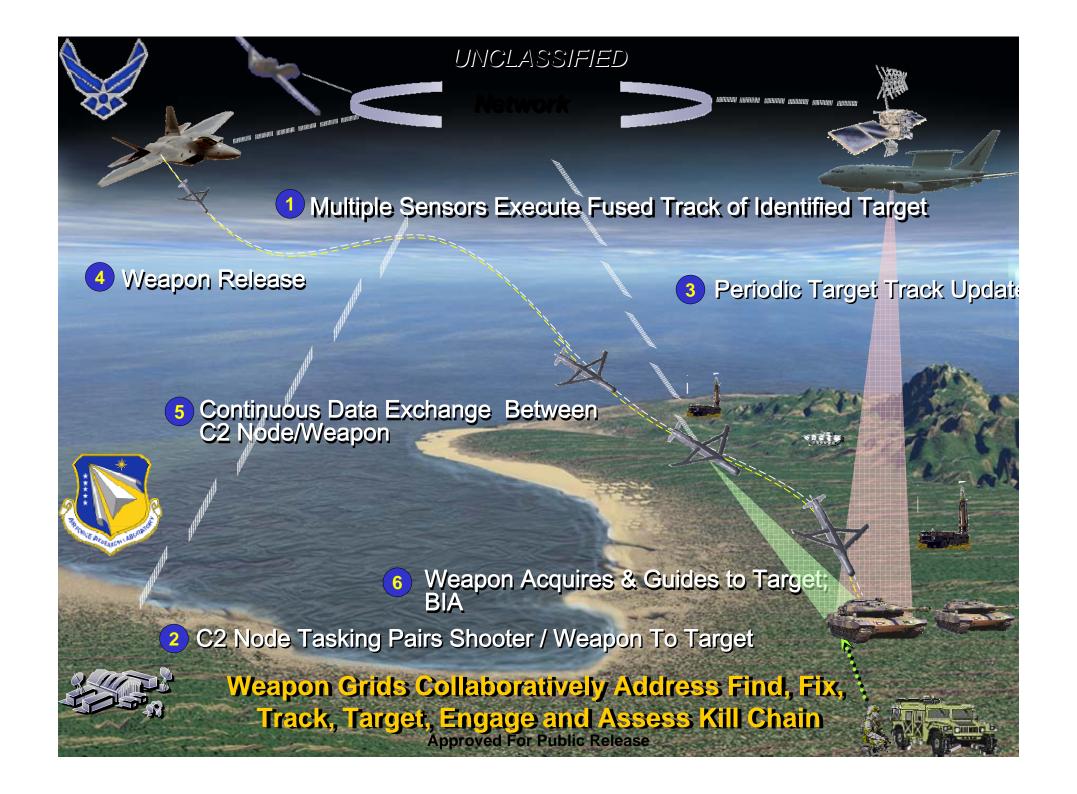




### **FUTURE OPERATIONS**



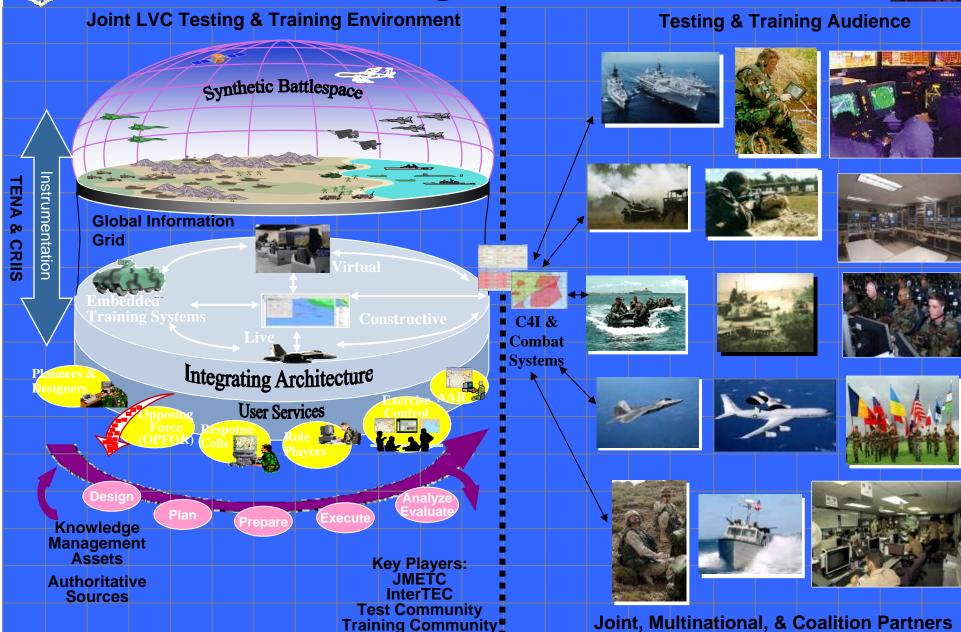


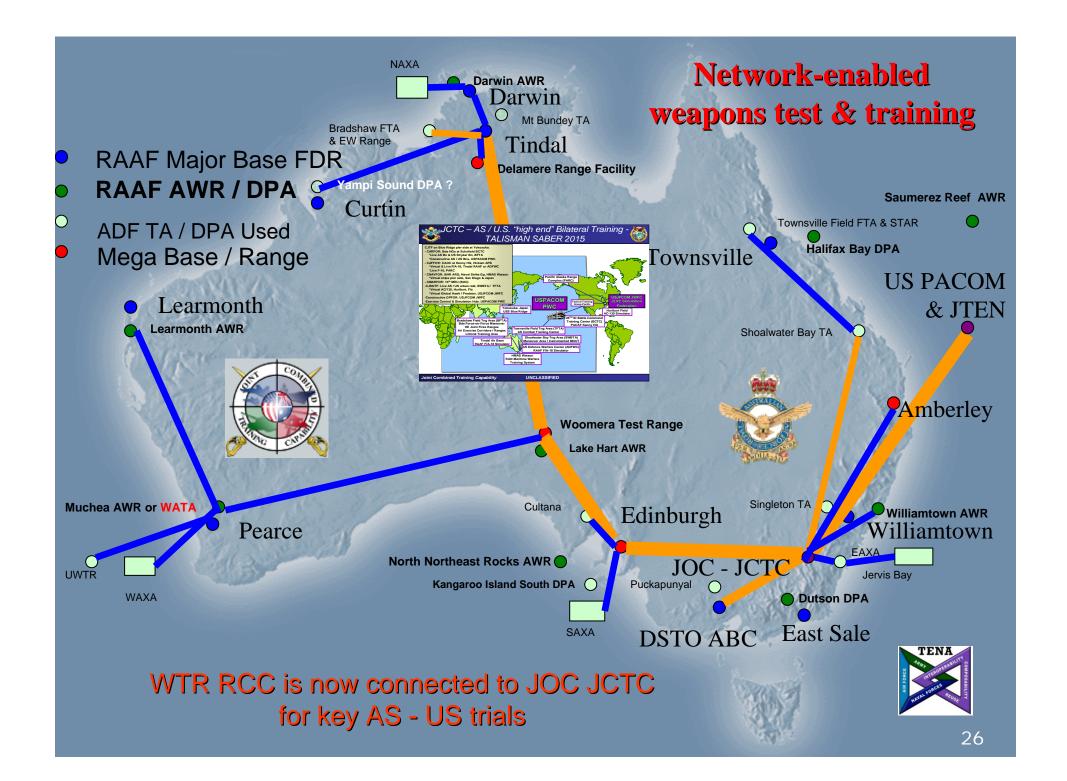




### Delivering Joint Context





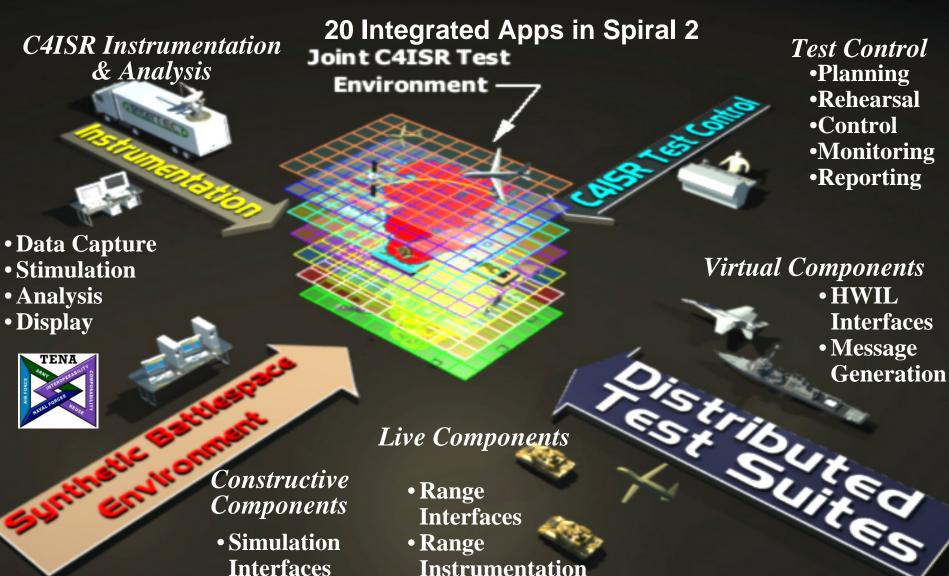




### InterTEC Operational View-1

TENA-Based Integrated Test Tool Applications





#### Woomera – moving forward to 2015



In April 2009, the Federal Government announced a massive remediation program to upgrade the WTR infrastructure through the Defence Capability Plan (DCP 2009-2019) and Major Capital Facilities Program.

- •DCP JP3024 as a \$150M-\$500M bracket project.
- •MCFP is now \$ 250m +
- •Other Minors Works and Trials specific investment is now \$ 50 100m +



20 April 2009 – Former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd with Group Captain Reg Carruthers, Commander AOSG, at RAAF Base Edinburgh following announcement of Woomera's operational capability upgrade funding (ie initial MCFP).



### What went to Committee

- Remediation of the major capital equipment and facilities at the WTR will enable Defence to:
  - gain confidence that the performance and safety of its weapons and intelligence capabilities will be acceptable when employing forces using an Australian approach to future warfare,
  - provide range control and safety in support of Defence and allied aerospace T&E and R&E of network enabled war material and
  - support a network enabled WTR with key air, land and maritime training areas and test ranges in-sync with Joint Combined Training Capability (JCTC) and allied Joint National Training Capabilities (JNTC).



DCIC & FSR 2008

## JP 3024 WOOMERA TEST RANGE REMEDIATION

- WTR RCSS Upgrade August 2011
- Prime Minister Announces Facilities: \$ 120m +
- ◆ DCP 09-19 ENTRY JP 3024 Phase 1
  - Project seeks to replace the Aerospace T&E and R&E equipment at the Woomera Test Facility in order to effectively support Defence T&E and R&E activities in a reliable, controlled, secure and safe environment.
- ROM allocation of \$150m +
- ORC 04 Nov 09 3 Options presented, two agreed
- 1st Pass RFN & Phase 2 being scoped (Hawke Review)
- ◆ 2<sup>ND</sup> Pass 2013
- ◆ ISD 2015
- IOC 2015/16 for 'simple' ITR
- ◆ FOC 2020 for complex/concurrent





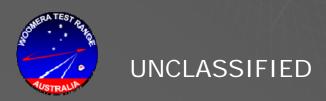
## JP 3024 WOOMERA TEST RANGE REMEDIATION - OPTIONS

### ◆ 1 - Remediation

- replace the functions that currently exist
- Min risk and cost for systems, min capability
- Needs to address personnel needing to support

### ◆ 2- Prioritised Integrated Solution

- Asses the needs of future Defence activity
- Contractor maintenance and support
- Expend budget according to key priorities (watch this!)
- Within budget option, increased capability





### JP 3024 – Woomera Remediation

- Scenario 1 Air to Air Weapons Test
- Scenario 2 Long Range Stand-off Surface to Surface Weapons Test
- Scenario 3 Long Range Stand-off Air to Surface Weapons Test
- Scenario 4 Joint UAV Test
- Scenario 5 Counter Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Test
- Scenario 6 Non-Kinetic Electronic & Navigation Warfare Test
- Scenario 7 DSTO Research Vehicle Test
- Scenario 8 Concurrent Tests





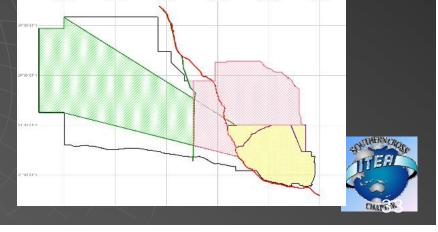


## Scenario 1 – Air to Air Weapons Test

- The WTR has been tasked with the firing of an instrumented network enabled BVR missile with an inert telemetry warhead.
- ◆ The missile will be fired from a RAAF F-35, with an ARDU chase aircraft. The weapons launch will be conducted at medium altitude, between 10 000 and 25 000 feet.
- The target will be an ADTS.
- The launch will be conducted such that the flight of the missile takes place within the WTR; the <u>safety template and</u> <u>impact site shall be contained within the WTR</u>.
- ◆ The F-35s and the ADTS are based at Woomera.







# Scenario 2 – Long Range Stand-off Surface to Surface Weapons Test

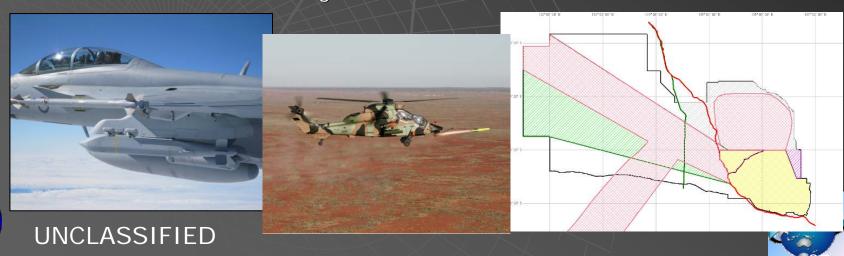
- The WTR has been tasked with conducting surface to surface missile test activity involving the firing of a network enabled instrumented stand-off missile with an inert warhead. The launch vehicle would be an AWD firing a naval weapon which would be launched off the coast to fly to impact on the WTR, with an ARDU safety chase aircraft as appropriate. The missile flight path is predominantly at low altitude.
- The target is an instrumented ground target constructed for the test moving under remote control.
- The missile path will be programmed such that the <u>flight of the missile</u> takes place from outside the WTR. The <u>impact site and the safety</u> template are within the WTR.
- The test objectives include testing C2 and reporting through a network. The test aircraft is connected to an ADF Operations Centre through Link 16. The test aircraft communicates with a ground based JTAC through VMF radio.
- The safety chase aircraft are based at Woomera Airfield.





# Scenario 3 - Long Range Stand-off Air to Surface Weapons Test

- The WTR has been tasked with conducting an air to ground missile test activity involving the firing of a network enabled instrumented stand-off missile with an inert warhead. The missile will be fired from an airborne launch platform, with chase aircraft as appropriate. The target is an instrumented ground target constructed for the test moving under remote control.
- The missile path will be programmed such that the <u>flight of the missile takes place</u> from outside the SE CAO of the WTR. The <u>impact site and the safety template are within the SE CAO WTR</u>. The missile flight path is predominantly at low altitude.
- The test objectives include testing C2 and reporting through a network. The test aircraft is connected to an ADF Operations Centre through Link 16. The test aircraft communicates with a ground based JTAC through VMF radio.
- The aircraft are based at Woomera Airfield.
- The considerations of this scenario are applicable to other air to ground weapons. The scenario also covers short range surface to surface missiles.



### Scenario 4 – Joint UAV Test

- The WTR has been tasked with conducting a UAS test. The UAS will be launched from Woomera Airfield and complete an ISR and weapons effects mission within the WTR.
- The UAS is based at Woomera Airfield, and controlled from Nellis AFB CAOC-N as part of the USAF JUDIE program.
- The test objectives include testing C2 and reporting through network links. The UAS is connected to an ADF Operations Centre to JOIC JCTC and CAOC-N via the RCC through Link 16.









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# Scenario 5 – Counter Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Test

 The WTR is tasked with a wide variety of test activities which do not require the use of the instrumentation capabilities of the WTR, but exploit other advantages of the WTR such as isolation and security. Scenario has been selected as a representative non-instrumentation test, albeit a challenging one, since a CIED test does have the potential to interfere with other test activities on the range due to RF emissions; a Navigation Warfare test (eg GPS jamming) would be a similarly potentially disruptive, noninstrumented test.



# Scenario 6 – Non-Kinetic Electronic & Navigation Warfare Test

- Similar to CIED Test Scenario, the WTR has been tasked to host another representative noninstrumentation test, a Navigation Warfare test (eg GPS jamming & denial).
- Navwar Tests are another similarly potentially disruptive, non-instrumented test with the almost guaranteed potential to interfere with other test activities on the range due to RF emissions.
- Note EA / DE use.

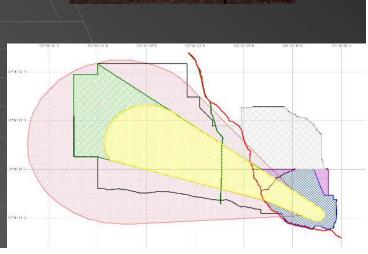


# Scenario 7 - DSTO Research Vehicle Test

- The WTR has been tasked with conducting a launch test of a DSTO sponsorred AS – US hypersonic vehicle with a manoeuvring European-sourced software control test section.
- The launch will take place from a pad in the vicinity of the RCC firing through space at an expected impact point just within the WTR.
- The WDA extends significantly to the west and south west outside the WPA.







# Scenario 8 - Concurrency

- At FOC the WTR is to be able to:
  - Trials being set up while another trial is underway

     the rolling test scenario to reduce the 'dead'
     time between trials.
  - Scenarios being able to be done together (such as a UAS providing targeting information to a air to ground missile firing in the presence of a CIED test) – driven by the amount of cooperative instrumentation available on test assets and the degree to which the LVC environment can simulate some element of the scenarios remotely via JCTC or other data/voice links;
  - Such scenarios conducted in parallel but with no interaction due to security / IP limitations.
  - Unlikely that long range weapons firings with high demand instrumentation is required for both trials together.







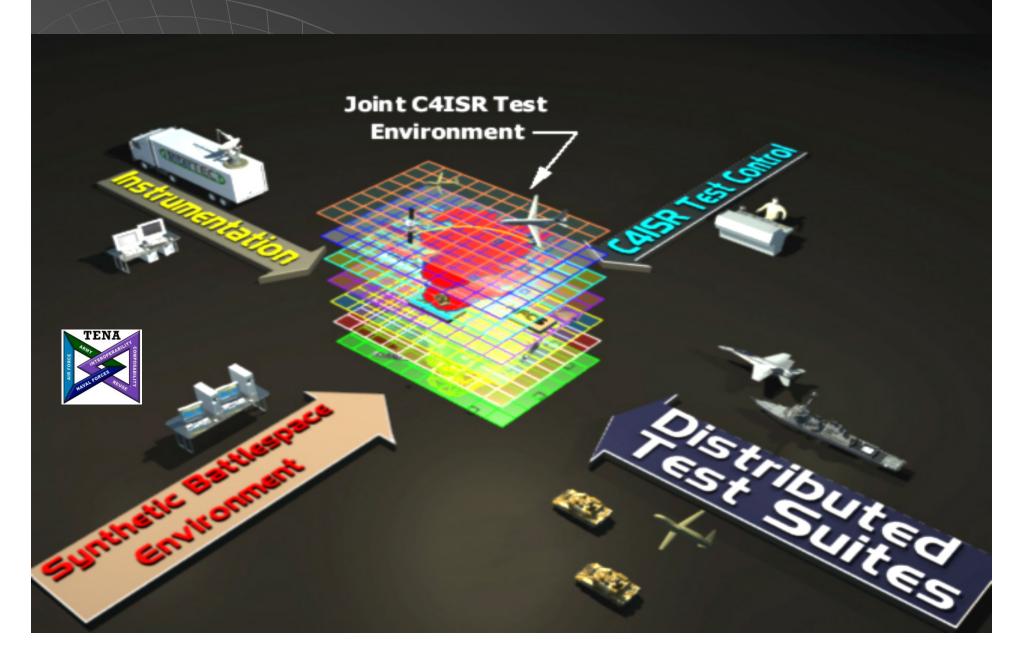








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6 Steps **14 JTEM Processes** 

1. Characterize Test

Program Introduction Document (PID)

Test

Concept

oint Operation

Context for T

**Test** 

Data

Statement Capabilities (SOC)

- **Develop Test Concept**
- **Develop Evaluation Strategy**
- **Technical Assessment**

2. Plan Test

- Develop Test Design Perform LVC Distributed
- **Environment Analysis**
- Develop Test Plan DMAP

Integrated Vignettes

**Distributed** Environment

Design

Joint Missior Environmen 3. Implement LVC-DE



Foundation Model (JFM)

- **Design LVC Distributed Environment Configuration** Integrate LVC Distributed
- Environment

#### 0. Develop **T&E Strategy**

T&E Strategy (TES)

T&E Master Plan (TEMP)

- **Develop Capability/SoS** Description
- **Develop Joint Operational** Context for Test (JOC-T)
- Develop Evaluation Strategy Outline
- **Develop/Refine Capability** Crosswalk

#### 5. Evaluate Capability



- Analyze Data
- **Evaluate SoS Performance &** Joint Mission Effectiveness

**Test Control** 8 **Monitoring** 

4. Manage Test Execution





CTM - Capability Test Methodology DMAP - Data Management and Analysis Plan

JME – Joint Mission Environment

LVC - Live, Virtual, Constructive LVC-DE - Live, Virtual, Constructive Distributed Environment

SoS – System of Systems



Training - Experimentation

## Implications on us Testers

- CAF clearly believes that a usable WTR is vital for testing joint kinetic and non-kinetic warfighting capabilities
  - US and UK ranges cannot do what we need to be doing
- AOSG WTR Role driving CDG and DMO via proper project support for JP 3024
- AOSG DT Wing & ARDU Roles JP 3024 needs support for future test methods and driving politics to get a usable open air test and training range
- VCDF / AFHQ Joint Fires
- AFHQ EA and non-kinetic effects
- LVC JOC JCTC Role
- Engagement with JP 3028.
- When are DT Wing getting some was useful Simulation to be in the game ...







#### **Directed Priorities:**

	P1	National Operational Support - Task takes precedence over all other tasking.
X	P2	Strategic Reform Program - Initiatives that improve efficiency and effectiveness within this program
X	Р3	Force 2030 - Programs that contribute to White Paper milestones.
7	P4	Capability Support - Programs that maintain preparedness in order to deliver future operations.
	P5	Capability Development - Programs that develop future capabilities, and ensure units operate within budgetary constraints





## Hawke Review

#### Significant known outcomes:

- Hawke Review has been submitted to MINDEF and MINRET (Resources Energy & Tourism) for comment and recommendations.
- WPA boundary and CoA rights to control access retained for safety and national security.
- Agreed that mining shall not be conducted in a proposed but not publically announced 'no-go' region.
- Mining in other areas will be on a time share basis.
- Defence retains right to the whole WPA for priority testing in support of Defence interests, if approved by MINDEF.

#### But:

Establishment of a 'central coordinating' agency in Canberra:
 AOSG WTR staff will need your help in feeding this agency
 with key capability and priorities intell.





# MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT CONCEPTS DISCUSSION





# Further Challenges – Your Perspectives & Ideas

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  - Self-reliance good Coalition Partner
  - WPA now has No Mining and Time Share
  - WTR business model sweet spot and surge with
  - MOUTEP PAs in work / proposed / timelines
- Technological
  - 1960s instrumentation dragged into 1990s
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  - Efficient use of Spectrum
  - Concurrent trials?
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  - Resource Sector Permit System
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#### People/Organisational

- over tasking
- Hawke Review with Board and Coordination Office
- Support to project
- Aligning well with TRMC US Use Cases
- Strategies advice / Joining RCC re-attacked
- Lessons learned from US

#### Policy/Political/Financial

- ADTEO asking for TRMC / DOT&E input
- Security with links
- commercialisation vs cost for activities
- Hawke Review with Phase 2

#### Technological

- INET, CRIIS, InterTEC, JMETC Node
- F-35 P-5 vs test CRIIS Freqs?
- operational control with multiple sites versus monitoring over multiple activities?
- Security encryption implications / Info Assurance Certification/Accreditation
- US 'Plat Form IT' allowable system
- US Army Replacement Radar Program open
- IRIG standard for advance modulation, freq agility, freq deconfliction – IFDIS in West USJT3. Mobile TM systems key.
- Fibre Optic backbone important
- Multiple emitters.
- 'Socio-economic'
  - commercial model / strategy



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Others



## Other Issues

- Focus Areas?
- Interest in SETE 2012 Forum / Session?
  - ITEA for now, but ...
  - Spectrum DSO
  - Have Underwater ranges in Test Ranges
- MOUTEP PA Working Group Involvement to help solidify technology such as TENA?





# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION







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