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Dear Sir / Madam

WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA AMBER ZONE EXCLUSION PERIODS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2013-14

Exclusion period notification for new non-Defence users

Access to the Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA) is subject to exclusion periods during which the Department of Defence may undertake testing of war materiel. For safety and security reasons, designated zones within the WPA will be closed and you are required to evacuate the area during the notified exclusion periods.

In accordance with the *Review of the Woomera Prohibited Area* final report, Defence is required to advise non-Defence users in March of the WPA Amber Zone exclusion periods that apply for the coming financial year.

This letter therefore details Defence's exclusion periods within the WPA Amber Zone for the financial year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, together with advice of the remaining periods to 30 June 2013. The exclusion periods are detailed in the attachment.

The WPA Amber Zone exclusion periods comply with Recommendation 18 of the Review, which states: 'new non-Defence users should be excluded for 20 windows of seven days each in the south-eastern corner of the Amber Zone and ten windows of seven days each in the centre-line corridor every year.' During these periods, Defence will have exclusive access and non-Defence users must evacuate the area.

Amber Zone

A map detailing the WPA Amber Zone is also attached, together with information about the Red and Green zones. The Amber Zone is made up of two sub-zones for the management of the exclusion periods:

- a. **Periodic Use Zone 1.** New non-Defence users will be required to evacuate Defence's Periodic Use Zone 1 (south-eastern area of the WPA) completely, in blocks of seven days duration, for 140 days per year.
- b. **Periodic Use Zone 2.** New non-Defence users will be required to evacuate Defence's Periodic Use Zone 2 (the centreline corridor), in blocks of seven days duration, for 70 days per year.

A more detailed map showing the WPA and access zone boundaries is available from the South Australian Resources Information Geoserver site at: <https://sarig.pir.sa.gov.au/Map>. To display the WPA boundary and management zones follow the Map Layers option then Data/Land Access/Restricted Exploration or Production/Woomera Prohibited Area.

Green Zone

The Review also provides for Defence's periodic closure of WPA Green Zone to exclude users for up to 56 days a year. New non-Defence users who do not have a permanent presence will be given 14 days notice and must evacuate the WPA during the exclusion periods.

Notifications and exclusion period variations

Defence will endeavour to give non-Defence users affected by exclusion periods as much notice as possible, including instances where Defence may exercise its right to cancel or amend a published exclusion period.

Non-Defence users are also encouraged to regularly review the exclusion period information published on the WPA Coordination Office website at: www.defence.gov.au/woomera.

Existing users

Existing non-Defence users of the WPA, including the four operating mines, WPA pastoral lease holders and Indigenous owners across all zones will continue to operate under their current access arrangements, including periodic evacuation for Defence testing.

Further information or advice

Further information about the exclusion periods, the Red and Green zones and the final report of the Review is available on the WPA Coordination Office website at: www.defence.gov.au/woomera.

If you have any queries, please contact the WPA Coordination Office by phone on 1300 727 420 or by email to WPACO@defence.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



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Attachments

- A. Amber Zone Exclusion Periods Financial Year 2013-2014
- B. Woomera Prohibited Area Access Zones

**WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA EXCLUSION PERIODS
FINANCIAL YEAR 2013-2014**

(1) Remainder of Financial Year 2012-2013

Amber Zone South-Eastern Corner (Defence Periodic Use Zone 1).

- (1) 18 February - 24 March 2013
- (2) 6 May - 9 June 2013

Amber Zone Centre-line Corridor (Defence Periodic Use Zone 2).

- (1) 13 May—2 June 2013

(2) Financial Year 2013-2014

Amber Zone South-Eastern Corner (Defence Periodic Use Zone 1).

- (1) 22 July – 25 Aug 2013
- (2) 7 October – 10 November 2013
- (3) 17 February – 23 March 2014
- (4) 05 May – 08 June 2014

Amber Zone Centre-line Corridor (Defence Periodic Use Zone 2).

- (1) 12 August – 25 August 2013
- (2) 28 October – 10 Nov 2013
- (3) 03 March – 23 March 2014
- (4) 19 May – 08 June 2014

WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA ACCESS ZONES

