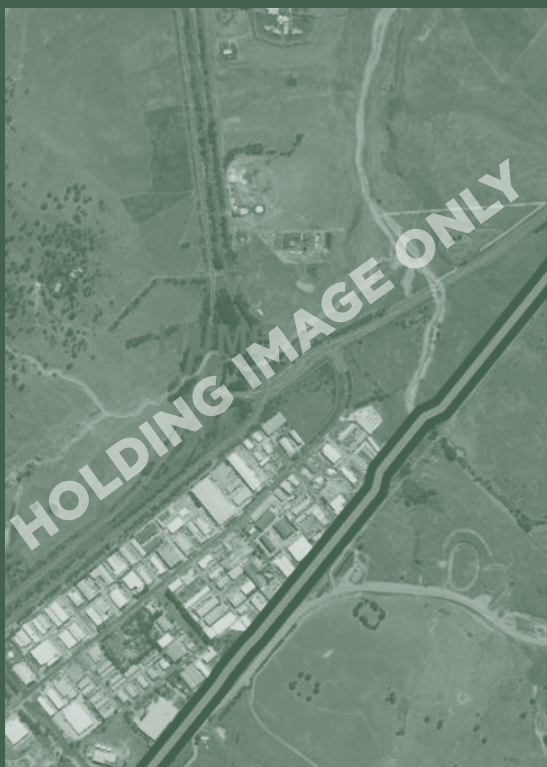


TRG

Bushfire Response and Training Centre



A new base of operations

TRG Bushfire Response and Training (TRG) provides specialist bushfire response services across Canberra and regional NSW, particularly during times of extreme emergency. This includes aerial fire suppression, construction of firebreaks and fires access roads as well as search and rescue operations.

TRG's current bases at the Canberra Airport and Hume provide limited capacity to grow and are restricted in their ability to deliver proposed new simulator-based helicopter firefighting training programs. TRG is seeking planning approval to build an additional base.

As a local business, TRG wishes to keep the base within the ACT to retain existing staff and attract new staff as the business grows. Canberra is also centrally located within southern NSW, allowing for a rapid emergency response across areas currently serviced by TRG.

In discussions with the ACT Government, a site has been identified at the southwestern corner of Sheppard Street and Lanyon Drive in Hume. This site is only a short distance from the existing Toll Rescue and ACT RFS Helicopter bases. A detailed assessment of the suitability of this site is now underway.

If approved, the features of the new operations base will be:



Buildings to accommodate offices and training facilities



Helicopter landing pads



Storage facilities



Paved, flat and stable areas for vehicle access and maneuvering



Car, truck and heavy machinery parking



Maintenance and repair facilities for TRG's helicopters and heavy plant

TRG is looking for your input to early stage planning for a proposed new Bushfire Response and Training Centre to be located in Hume.

For further information visit

trgbushfire.com.au

Planning approval requirements

TRG is now progressing with the appropriate planning assessments and considerations. The ACT Government requires TRG to undertake an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Key matters required to be considered as part of the EIS include:

- ▼ Traffic and road safety impacts
- ▼ Air traffic impacts
- ▼ Visual impacts on the surrounding areas
- ▼ Standard construction considerations such as Impacts on utilities, air, water and soil quality
- ▼ Noise and vibration impacts
- ▼ Any potential impacts on heritage items, native vegetation, protected flora or ecological communities
- ▼ Consideration of potential operations risks

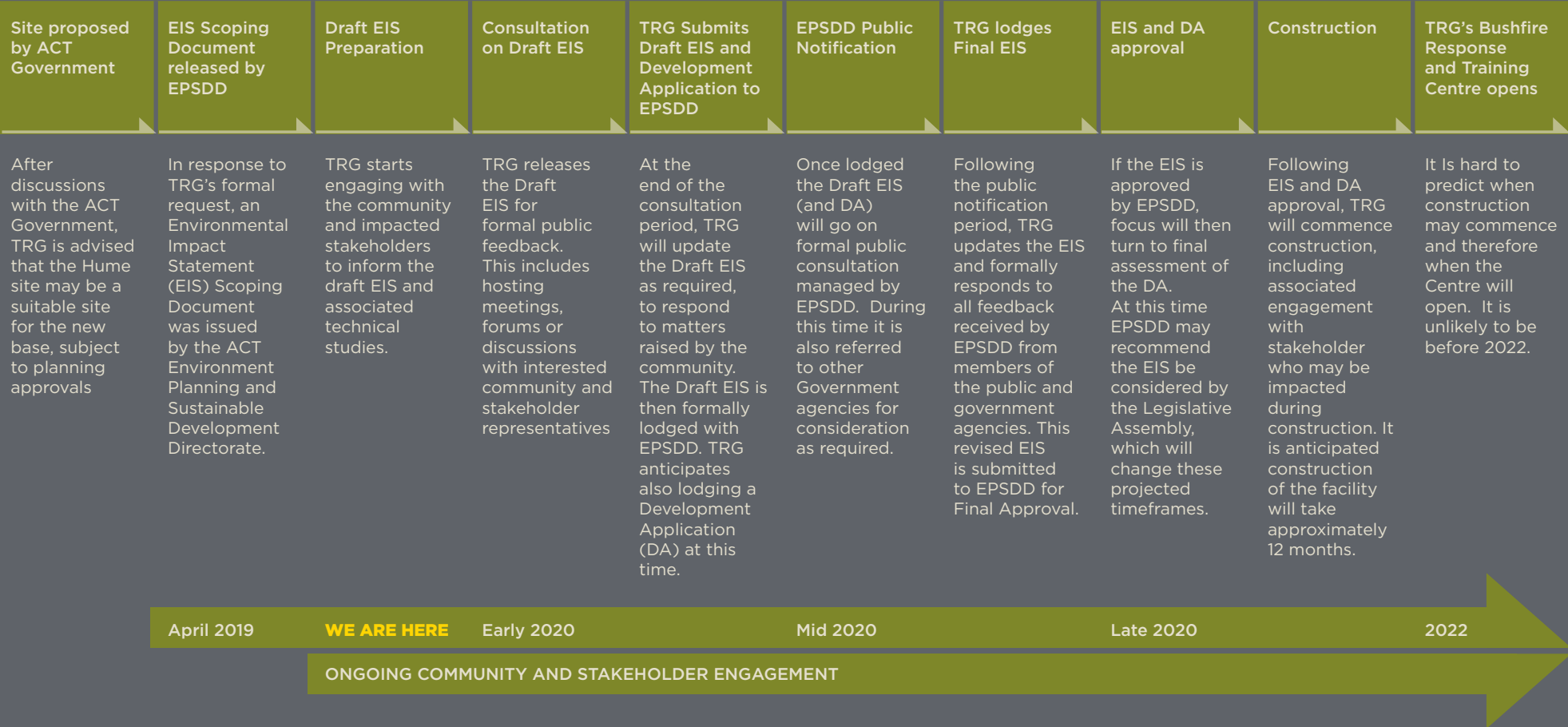
As these studies are progressed, TRG will continue to engage with local business and nearby communities.

Have your say

TRG is currently seeking feedback from businesses and communities around Hume on any potential areas that should be also considered as part of the EIS. This early feedback will assist TRG to shape the draft EIS. The formal EIS consultation process will commence early in 2020.

To provide feedback, ask any questions or arrange an opportunity to speak with a representative of TRG contact **02 6226 8880** or email **feedback@communicationlink.com.au**

OVERVIEW OF THE PLANNING APPROVAL PROCESS



WHO IS TRG?

TRG Bushfire Response and Training (TRG) is a local family-owned business providing specialist bushfire response services across Canberra and regional NSW, particularly during times of extreme emergency.

TRG services include:

- ▼ Aerial fire suppression
- ▼ Firebreaks and construction of fires access roads
- ▼ Search and rescue operations
- ▼ Disaster relief and incident control
- ▼ Digital multispectral mapping services.

These services are provided in response to requests from Government organisations such as the ACT Emergency Services, ACT Parks and Conservation Service, NSW Rural Fire Service, Forestry Corporation NSW and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority. TRG has also provided fire emergency management such as preventative firebreaks to private landholders.

Emergency fire response services are usually required only in the summer months, for the rest of the year and when not responding to emergency requests TRG provides the following services:

- ▼ Pilot training
- ▼ Fire response planning and training, including simulation
- ▼ Design and manufacture of specialist earth moving and vegetation clearing equipment to support fire-fighting efforts

TRG is part of the Rolleston Group of companies that includes Canberra Helicopters and Forestrack.

TRG Bushfire Response & Training



General information

TRAINING OPERATIONS

Helicopter firefighting is a specialist skill that is experiencing increased demand worldwide. TRG is looking to attract pilots from across Australia and internationally to train in Canberra.

While the majority of training will involve the use of flight simulator technology. The proximity of Canberra to the mountains, oceans and an international airport is a great strength for training firefight and rescue helicopter pilots.

TRG is also seeking to establish partnerships with local tertiary institutions to complement the onsite training.

HELICOPTER OPERATIONS

For most of the year helicopter operations will consist only of maintenance flights, such as ferrying machines to the base for maintenance work and then return to Canberra Airport. All training flights will continue to operate from TRG's base at Canberra Airport. During fire emergencies helicopter operations occur on demand, as and when required.

During non-operational response periods helicopter maintenance will involve approximately ten helicopter movements a month.

In response to the prevailing winds, most helicopter flights (take-off and landing) will be to the northwest, over Lanyon Drive and then over undeveloped rural broadacre areas. The take-off and landing patterns will be the same as those for the adjacent Toll and RFS bases. During take-off and landing, helicopters change altitude quickly, in a vertical fashion, and will cause minimal disruption to nearby neighbours or cars travelling on adjacent roads.

Generally, helicopter noise levels are around the 90dBA, and under 92dBA. Noise emissions from the helicopters will be below the noise emissions generated by the cars, motorbikes and trucks that currently operate in the area.

As part of the EIS assessment, formal studies will be undertaken into the impacts of helicopter flights from this site.

CENTRE FACILITIES

Construction of the Centre will include:

- ▼ Three buildings to accommodate offices, maintenance and training facilities (total size approx. 4,400m²)
- ▼ Three helicopter landing pads
- ▼ Storage facilities
- ▼ Hardstand areas for vehicle access/maneuvering
- ▼ Car/truck/heavy machinery parking.

Our trucks already operate within Sheppard St Hume and therefore no additional truck movement will occur.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The ACT Government has established a wide scope for the EIS which includes consideration of soil contamination (from previous site uses as well as TRG operations), stormwater treatment, air quality and climate change impacts, noise and vibration and biodiversity and nature conservation.

The site features two broad areas; the cleared central part of the site; and the outer eastern and northern portions of the site which feature a number of established native trees. It is expected that to allow for safe take-off and landing some established trees will be removed during construction. TRG proposes to plant more trees on the site than will be removed.

As part of the EIS process the site will be assessed with respect to any potential threatened ecological communities.