



# Application for Environmental Impact Assessment Processes - Submission confirmation

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## Type of application

Type of application \*

Request for EIS Scoping Document

Have you attended a pre application meeting or received written pre application advice in relation to the proposal that is the subject of this application? \*

Yes

No

Project name \*

Emergency Services, Maintenance and Training Fac

Project description \*

Secure Aviation (Holdings) Pty Ltd and its sister company Forestrack Pty Ltd provide both airborne and ground based services to a range of emergency services and strategic response operations, forestry contracting and management services and education. Growing demand for their services, particularly in the areas of fire-fighting and other emergency services, has meant that the business requires a strategic operations base at a suitable location within the ACT. An application for the Direct Sale for the development of the site as their aviation and forestry base was submitted to the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) (application reference DS 2016-224). Block 45, Section 3, Hume ACT was more recently identified to potentially be a suitable location for the purposes of developing a headquarters and operational base for this operation. This parcel of land is currently vacant land of sufficient size/proportion to accommodate the required uses, as well as being located strategically within the ACT to suit the locational requirements as home base for operations, as was described in the direct sale application and further detailed in this report. The proposed development of the site will include the development of a number of buildings to accommodate the offices and training facilities of the operations base, as well as other ancillary/supporting buildings and infrastructure including storage facilities, hardstand areas for vehicle access/manoeuvring and car/truck/heavy machinery parking. The proposal also includes the establishment of a helicopter landing pad that will service the airborne activities of the business. Acquiring Block 45 Section 3 Hume provides an opportunity to establish a new, purpose-built facility with road frontage and exposure to the Monaro Highway, Sheppard Street Hume and Lanyon Drive. The process behind the selection of this site and its suitability for the intended purpose and uses involved finding a site with the following key characteristics:

- Land with the correct zoning and locality to support the operation.
- Direct road access with a strong preference to be located close to a main/arterial road to facilitate good access for support and ground operations.
- Adequate land area to establish coordination and operations office, hanger space and storage for equipment and land based assets/resources, landing facilities and the like,
- Central location in relation to the ACT geographically to permit low response time targets,
- Location away from sensitive (primarily residential) receivers to minimise impacts from flight operations (although this is considered a relatively low impact use),

Block 45 Section 3 Hume was found to meet all of the above site requirements, being located close to Lanyon Drive and subsequently Monaro Highway, provides sufficient land area with manageable ecological constraints (as demonstrated in Section 4 of this report) to achieve the site building construction and operational requirements, is located centrally within the ACT (Figure 1). The site is also considered ideal in that it is located within the outer margins of the Hume Industrial Precinct, with (main) roads on all but one boundary, and therefore the operations are considered unlikely to affect any sensitive nearby users and provide approach-routes that can generally steer clear from build-up sites. Its central location will also see an opportunity to have a response time of generally less than 10 minutes to the entire urban area of Canberra which is vital for the emergency service roles in particular that are proposed to be operated from the site. In addition to the above, the close proximity of the site to the Canberra Airport (and the operation's tourism outlet) and its ability to have easy access and communication to the airport operations further enhances the suitability of this site in terms of air traffic safety.

Lease/site details

Site 1		
Suburb *	Section *	Block *
HUME	3	45
Address line 1		
Address line 2		
Suburb	State	Postcode
HUME	ACT	2620
Land Use Zone/s applicable to this site *		
NUZ1: Broadacre		

Applicant details

Are you applying as: \*

a company/department/government agency

Name of company/department/government agency \*

Position held in company/department/government agency \*

Canberra Town Planning

Senior Planner

Enter an ABN or ACN: \*

ABN (Australian Business Number)

ACN (Australian Company Number)

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## Contact person

Title

Given name \*

Family name \*

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## Postal address

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Suburb \*

State \*

Postcode \*

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ACT

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Enter at least one phone number: \*

Home phone number

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Email \*

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Lessee (property owners) or land custodian (Government) details

Lessee/ and custodian 1

Same as applicant

Is the lessee/ and custodian a company? \*

Yes

No

Title

Given name \*

Family name \*

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Postcode \*

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## EIS requirements

- The relevant development table states that the impact track applies.
- The proposal is of a kind mentioned in Schedule 4 of the Planning and Development Act 2007 (<http://www.egislation.act.gov.au/a/2007-24/>):
- The Minister has made a declaration under section 124 in relation to the proposal.
- Section 125 (Declaration by Public Health Act Minister affects assessment track) provides that the impact track applies to the proposal.
- Section 132 (Impact track applicable to development proposals not otherwise provided for) provides that the impact track applies to the proposal.
- A bilateral assessment applies as the proposal is a controlled action under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (<http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc>).

## Prescribed entities

Have you had any meetings/discussions with relevant prescribed entities? \*

Yes  No

### *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC)*

Does the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* affect your proposal? \*

Yes  No

## Supporting documents

Attach lessee/ and custodian authorisation

([http://www.panning.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/898422/LETTER\\_OF\\_AUTHORISATION.pdf](http://www.panning.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/898422/LETTER_OF_AUTHORISATION.pdf)).

Attach all required documentation. \*

[Block 45 Section 3 HUME - Request for Scoping Doc December 20...](#)

[App1 PMST.pdf](#)

[PATH-co BA Hume Helipad 220720.pdf](#)

Is your documentation larger than 10MB? \*

Yes  No

## Conflict of interest declaration

Does the applicant or lessee have any association with EPSDD staff? \*

Yes  No

## Applicant declaration

Please tick the relevant boxes

- I/we declare that this application is accompanied by all of the required information and or documents and understand that the documentation provided via electronic lodgement will be considered to be the relevant documentation associated with this application; and understand that the information submitted with this application form will undergo a documentation check. \*
- I/we declare that this application will be considered lodged once the relevant application fees have been paid; \*
- I/we hereby acknowledge that the lessee may authorise ACT Government officers to access the subject property(s) for the purpose of evaluating the proposal; \*
- I/we declare that all the information given on this form and its attachments is true and complete; \*
- I/we declare that I/we have the appropriate delegation or authority to apply on behalf of the company, organisation or Government agency. \*