

NEW ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS, TOURISTS- WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA

On 9 August 2014 amendments to the Defence Act established a co-existence framework to provide greater certainty of access and assurance to all non-Defence users around Defence activity in the WPA. The Act also introduces through the *Woomera Prohibited Area Rule 2014*, a permit system for non-Defence user access; access management zones with defined exclusion periods; and new compliance and enforcement measures. The Rule was registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments on 26 August 2014 and came into effect on 27 August 2014.

Implications for tourists

Tourists will need to apply for an access permit for travel to all areas within the WPA other than: the Stuart Highway; William Creek Road; the Lake Cadibarrawirracanna Road; Olympic Dam-Pimba Road and the Woomera Village.

Tourist Access Permits that were issued by the Woomera Test Range for travel within the WPA up until October 2014 remain valid and a new permit application is not required for this period.

Your assistance in sharing this information with tourists and other tourism associated organisations would be appreciated.

New permit application form

Further information on the new access management framework and the Tourist Access Permit application form (W005) is available on the WPA Coordination Office website:

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.