

City of Playford Submission Greater Adelaide Regional Plan Discussion Paper **October 2023**

Extract of Defence and Aerospace Precinct



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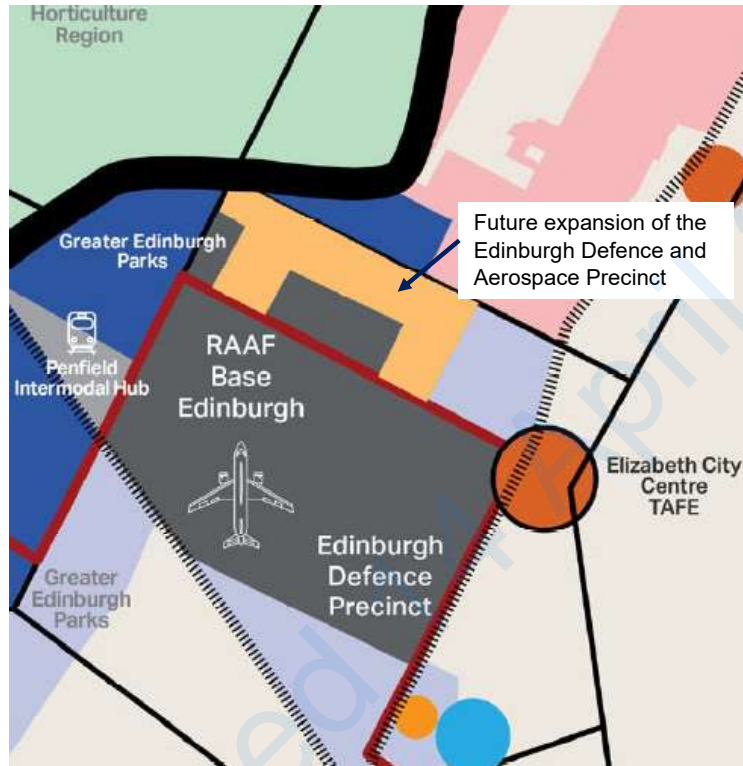
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2.4 Edinburgh Defence and Aerospace Precinct

Proposal for the GARP

Identify this land for future defence-related activities, ensuring its protection and future proofing of Adelaide's defence industry.

Currently this land is identified in the 30 Year Plan as 'new strategic employment lands' (p.79) and should similarly be depicted in the GARP. The following map provides detail regarding the location of the proposed expansion area:



The Edinburgh Defence and Aerospace Precinct is a key national research and manufacturing hub. The Precinct is home to the RAAF Base Edinburgh – one of two super-bases in Australia accommodating 5,000 military personnel, public servants and contractors; Defence Science and Technology Group; and major defence companies.

There is a strategic opportunity to expand the Defence and Aerospace Precinct into the land directly north of the RAAF Base. This will build upon the Department of Defence's investment into the 737 deep maintenance and modification facility next to the RAAF Base, which will allow for maintenance of the P-8A Poseidon to occur in Australia rather than off-shore and further cement SA as the Defence State.

Expansion of the precinct will provide a strategic advantage to SA's defence capability, enabling:

- Job creation in the defence and aerospace sector;
- Controlled site access;
- Access to key transport linkages;
- Leveraging of specialised defence-related industries; and
- Avoidance of conflict with non-industrial activities.

It would also provide opportunity for less sensitive uses accommodated on the Base to be relocated to other locations within Playford such as the Elizabeth CBD or the Playford Health and Wellbeing Precinct.

2.5 Playford Health and Wellbeing Precinct

Proposal for the GARP

Identify the need to expand the Playford Health and Wellbeing Precinct to meet the needs of a growing population.

The Playford Health and Wellbeing Precinct accommodates the Lyell McEwin hospital – Playford's largest employer, with more than 5,000 staff – and a range of other facilities including Fluid Solar House: a commercial and office complex; the Elizabeth Vale Centre NorthWest development encompassing retail, multi-deck car park and specialist medical consulting and private hospital; and ACH Healthia: aged care complex and university training centre. Located within the Strategic Innovation Zone, the Precinct envisages private and public health services, allied health facilities, training and research capabilities and residential accommodation in addition to retail and commercial uses.

Council acknowledges the investment by the State Government in the upgrades to the Lyell McEwin Hospital to-date, but continued investment is required to meet the current health demands of our community and to service the growing communities in Northern Adelaide.

Our community's need for medical and allied health care services continues to increase with residents having to travel outside of the region for health services. The Playford Health and Wellbeing Precinct is strategically situated to serve the regional population well beyond Adelaide's northern suburbs. Currently servicing over 400,000 people, it is also the nearest tertiary public hospital for an additional 160,000 people living across country South Australia in the areas of Port Pirie, Yorke Peninsula, Riverland, Barossa Valley and Clare Valley.