



Fact sheet: Partial Sale of Simpson Barracks, Victoria

Simpson Barracks is a 132 hectare tri-service facility located in the suburb of Yallambie, 18kms North East of Melbourne's CBD. In 2018, the Victorian Government approached Defence seeking a partial acquisition of 13.1 hectares of Simpson Barracks to facilitate the North East Link Project. The North East Link is a significant infrastructure project, which, when completed, is expected to improve traffic flows in north eastern Melbourne.

The land which was sold to the State of Victoria is located on the Western Boundary of Simpson Barracks and is shaded in grey on the below map.



The remaining portion of Simpson Barracks will continue to be used by Defence for a range of uses as an enduring base. Due to this, extra precautions were undertaken in the divestment process to protect the security of the base.

Proceeds from the sale will be reinvested to support Defence capability.



When was the site sold?

Defence completed the divestment to the Victorian Government in 17 December 2020.

Who owns the site?

Defence sold a 13.1 hectare portion of the site to the Victorian Government to facilitate the North East Link Project. The remaining 118.9 hectares of the site have been retained by Defence.

What will the Victorian Government do with the site?

This portion of the site was divested in an off-market sale to facilitate the North East Link Project.

The divested portion of Simpson Barracks will facilitate the construction of a surface interchange, a tunnel ventilation structure and noise walls.

Is this part of Simpson Barracks contaminated?

Prior to selling the site Defence and the North East Link Project completed due diligence investigations including environmental and heritage assessments. Further information is available on the North East Link website.

Is this portion of Simpson Barracks heritage listed?

There are no Commonwealth heritage listed places on the sale land.

Helpful links

Property Disposals website:

- <https://www.defence.gov.au/id/PropertyDisposals/Default.asp>

Department of Finance website:

- <http://www.finance.gov.au/property/lands-acquisition/commonwealth-property-disposal-policy.html>

North East Link Authority website:

- <https://northeastlink.vic.gov.au/about>