

Large Airtanker Scenario

(Scenario 1: Regional Fire)

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INSTRUCTIONS

Before Completing this Form:

- Please note, the forms in this document are designed to be completed electronically using Microsoft Word on a Windows PC.
- The scenario contained in this document describes a Large Airtanker mission comprising three sorties delivering Fire Retardant Slurry to a fire 150nm from the airtanker base.
- Please use the instructions listed overleaf under 'Completing the Large Airtanker Service Scenario Form' to complete this document.
- Please read and understand all the instructions and scenario specifications contained in this document before entering any data.
- Please note, proposers must complete a separate scenario document for each different type of airtanker being proposed (for example, if two different types of aircraft are being proposed please complete this form twice).
- However, where a pair of **similar aircraft** is being proposed, please **select one** of the aircraft and complete the scenario document for this aircraft only.
- To save this document select 'Save As' from the File menu prior to entering any data.
- This document **must** be saved using the unique **Tenderer username** (as selected by you when you registered on the NAFC Electronic Tender Portal) as the file name e.g. username.docx. If **more than one** 'Large Airtanker Service Scenario' Form is required, the file name should be the proposers username-X where X = an aircraft counter. For example if two different aircraft are being proposed, the file name for the first document should be username-1 and the file name for the second document should be username-2 and so on.
- Completed Documents are to be uploaded to the NAFC online tender service under Aircraft and Services Tab.
- For information on how to upload your completed document, please refer to the 'How To Respond' Guide.
- In addition to the forms contained in this document, proposers are required to submit additional information via the NAFC Electronic Tender Portal in order to complete this RFP.
- As far as possible, proposers are asked to provide the information requested using the space provided in this document.
- If insufficient space is provided for a particular response, proposers may include further information in the main body of their proposal provided a clear note is made in the appropriate field of this form

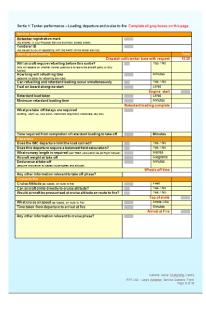
Completing the Large Airtanker Service Scenario Form:

- Proposers are asked to complete each of the forms contained in this document for **each different type** of airtanker being proposed.
- Each form in this in this document is displayed on a pale blue background, as per the example opposite.
- Proposers are asked to ender the appropriate text or value in each of the grey boxes contained in the forms as per the example below.



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• If this form is printed the grey boxes may disappear to leave a white box.



- Proposers are asked to enter the values the air crew would **actually use** when planning or conducting a mission such as described in the scenario.
- Enter all times as local time in 24hour notation. Make sure you enter requested times in the time column in the form.
- If the airtanker(s) being proposed would be restricted or limited in any way when performing this scenario, proposers are asked to enter the restricted or limited values in the appropriate field and then provide an explanation in the field labelled 'Any other information relevant...' in that particular section.

Notes:

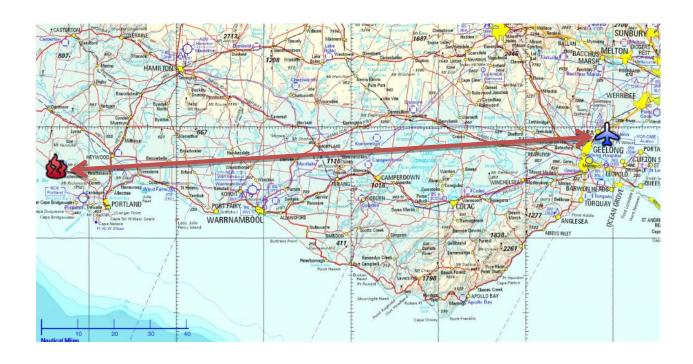
- Where a 'pair' of Airtankers are proposed, complete the scenario for one aircraft only. Include any commentary supporting the use of more than one tanker for this scenario in you proposal narrative.
- Where a scooping Airtanker is proposed, complete the scenario as laid out (i.e. Fire Retardant loads taken from Avalon). Scooping Aircraft performance analysis will be completed using information provided in the Aircraft Data form and elsewhere in your proposal.

AIRTANKER SCENARIO

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SORTIE 1: DESCRIPTION

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Departure	
Airport	YMAV
RWY - Length	3048 metres
RWY - Heading	360
Airspace - Class	Class D - tower active
Conditions - Temp	ISA + 20 (= 35°C)
Conditions - Wind at departure	20 knots, gusting 40 knots, 300 degrees
Conditions - IMC / VMC	IMC - Instrument departure required – low vis in smoke
En route	
Distance	150 nautical miles
Direction	265 degrees
Conditions - IMC / VMC	VMC
Conditions - Turbulence	Moderate turbulence
Conditions – Wind	300/30 below 1000ft, 300/45 above 1000ft
Fire	
Conditions - Visibility	5000 metres visibility in smoke
Drop	Split load requested – two loads on 'corner' of fire
Coverage level requested	Coverage level 6
Return	
Airport	YMAV
Conditions - IMC / VMC	IMC - Instrument approach required – low vis in smoke
Note:	Assume there will be a request to reload and return without delay occurs after the drop in this sortie, therefore expect a request to hot reload on return to airbase



SORTIE 1: TANKER PERFORMANCE – LOADING, DEPARTURE AND CRUISE TO FIRE

Service Information			
Airtanker registration mark (As entered in your Proposal Service Summary spread sheet)		,	
Tenderer ID (tenderer username selected by you on registering with the NAFC tender portal)			
Start up and loading			Time
Dispatch ca	IIs tanker base w	ith request	13:30
Will aircraft require refuelling before this sortie? (this will depend on whether normal practice is to leave the aircraft partly or fully fuelled)		Yes / No	
How long will refuelling take (assume no delay for refuelling services to attend to tanker aircraft)		Minutes	
Can refuelling and retardant loading occur simultaneously		Yes / No	
Retardant load taken		Litres	
Minimum retardant loading time		Minutes	
	Retardant loadin	g complete	
Fuel on board at engine start		Litres	
,	E	ngine start	
What pre take off delays are required (briefing, warm up, cool down, instrument alignment, checklists, taxi etc)			
Time required from completion of retardant loading to take off		Minutes	
Departure			
Does the IMC departure limit the load carried?		Yes / No	
Does this departure require a balanced field calculation?		Yes / No	
What runway length is required (use TODA calculation as per flight manual)		Metres	
Aircraft weight at take off		Kilograms	
Endurance at take-off		Minutes	
(assume endurance at loaded cruise speed and altitude)			
	Whe	els off time	
Any other information relevant to take off phase?			
Cruise to fire	1	- .	
Cruise Altitude (as loaded, en route to fire)		Feet	
Can aircraft climb directly to cruise altitude?		Yes / No	
Would aircraft be pressurised at cruise altitude en route to fire?		Yes / No	
<u> </u>	-	op of climb	
Cruise airspeed (as loaded, en route to fire)		Knots-TAS	
Time taken from departure to arrival overhead the fire		Minutes	
	Ar	rival at Fire	
Any other information relevant to cruise phase?			

Operations at Fire		Time
What endurance is available on arrival at the fire	Minutes	
What is the manoeuvring speed in the fire pattern / circuit	Knots-TA	S
What is the preferred drop speed in this scenario	Knots-TA	S
What is the preferred drop height in this scenario	Feet (AGL)	
What is the stalling speed in drop configuration	Knots-TA	S
Estimated time in the fire area prior to first drop (Assume 3 minutes to maneuver plus any dummy runs, system recharging, etc that you would normally perform)	Minutes	
	First Drop tim	ne
Estimated time between first and second drops (Include any maneuver, dummy runs, system recharging, etc that you would normally perform)	Minutes	
	Second Drop tim	<mark>ne</mark>
What total length of retardant line would be produced (At requested coverage level -CL 6)	Metres	
What width of retardant line would be produced	Metres	
What is the tankers wake turbulence category?	FAA	
What restrictions would this operation place on other aircraft operating in the fire area? (eg wake turbulence clearance)		
How does the low visibility affect operations in the fire area (5000m in smoke)		
Any other information relevant to drop phase?		

SORTIE 1: TANKER PERFORMANCE – RETURN AND RELOAD Complete all grey boxes on this page.

Return from Fire			Time
Cruise Altitude (with no load)		Feet	
Would aircraft be pressurised at cruise altitude when returning?		Yes / No	
Cruise airspeed (with no load)		Knots-TAS	
Time taken from departing fire to landing back at airbase		Minutes	
A	rrival time back at	the airbase	
How does the instrument approach affect return? (eg holding fuel required etc)			
Reload			
How much fuel would be remaining on arrival back at airbase		Litres	
Remaining endurance on arrival back at airbase		Minutes	
Will aircraft require refuelling before the next sortie?		Yes / No	
How much fuel would be taken on during refuelling?		Litres	
Can refuelling be conducted while retardant is being loaded?		Yes / No	
Can retardant be loaded with all engines running?		Yes / No	
Retardant load taken		Litres	
How long will reloading and refuelling take		Minutes	
What other turn around delays might be expected before the next sortie. (eg: cool down, crew change etc)			
Rel	load and refuel co	mplete time	
Any other information relevant to return and reload phase?			

SORTIE 2: DESCRIPTION

Sortie 2	
Departure	
Airport	YMAV
RWY - Length	3048 metres
RWY - Heading	360
Airspace - Class	Class D - tower active
Conditions - Temp	ISA + 20 (= 35°C)
Conditions - Wind at departure	20 knots, gusting 40 knots, 300 degrees
Conditions - IMC / VMC	VMC
En route	
Distance	150 nautical miles
Direction	265 degrees
Conditions - IMC / VMC	VMC
Conditions - Turbulence	Moderate turbulence
Conditions – Wind	300/30 below 1000ft, 300/45 above 1000ft
Fire	
Conditions - Visibility	10km visibility with some smoke haze
Drop	full load requested – extend one of the previous drops
Coverage level requested	Coverage level 6
Return	
Airport	YMAV
Conditions - IMC / VMC	VMC - CAVOK
Note:	Changes from previous sortie shown in red text



SORTIE 2: TANKER PERFORMANCE – DEPARTURE AND CRUISE

Departure		
Does this VMC departure require a balanced field calculation?	Yes / No	
What runway length is required	Metres	
(use TODA calculation as per flight manual)		
Aircraft weight at take off	Kilograms	
Endurance at take-off	Minutes	
(assume endurance at loaded cruise speed and altitude)		
	Wheels off time	
Any other information relevant to take off phase?		
Cruise to fire		
Cruise altitude (as loaded, en route to fire)	Feet	
	Top of climb	
Cruise airspeed (as loaded, en route to fire)	Knots-TAS	
Time taken from departure to arrival at fire	Minutes	
·	Arrival at Fire	
Any other information relevant to cruise phase?		
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SORTIE 2: TANKER PERFORMANCE – AT THE FIRE

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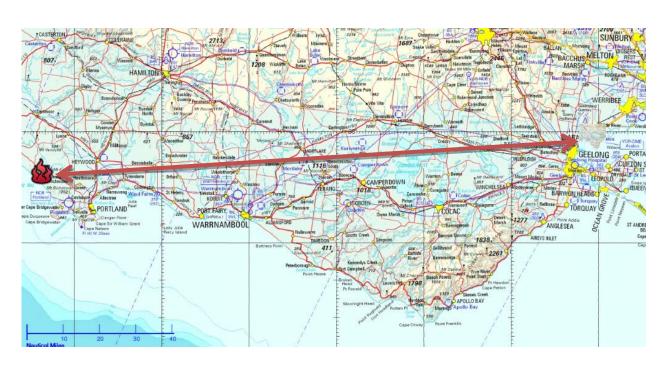
Operations at Fire		Time
What holding time is available on arrival at the fire	Minutes	
What is the maneuvring speed in the fire pattern / circuit	Knots-TAS	
What is the preferred drop speed in this scenario	Knots-TAS	
What is the preferred drop height in this scenario	Feet (AGL)	
What is the stalling speed in drop configuration	Knots-TAS	
What is the estimated time in the fire area to conduct these drops	Minutes	
	Drop time	
What length of retardant line would be produced (At requested coverage level -CL 6)	Metres	
How much overlap with previous retardant line would be used	Metres	
What width of retardant line would be produced	Metres	
How does the low visibility affect operations in the fire area (10km in smoke haze)		
Any other information relevant to drop phase? (eg Would you expect a reduction in time in the fire area on second and subsequent sorties?)		

SORTIE 2: TANKER PERFORMANCE – RETURN AND RELOAD Complete all grey boxes on this page.

Return from Fire		Time
Cruise altitude (no load)	Feet	
Cruise airspeed (no load)	Knots-TAS	
Time taken from departing fire to landing back at airbase	Minutes	
A	rrival time back at the airbase	
Reload		
How much fuel would be remaining on arrival back at airbase	Litres	
Remaining endurance on arrival back at airbase	Minutes	
Will aircraft require refuelling before the next sortie?	Yes / No	
How much fuel would be taken on	Litres	
Retardant load taken	Litres	
How long will reloading and refuelling take	Minutes	
What other turn around delays might be expected before the next sortie. (eg: cool down, crew change etc)		
Re	load and refuel complete time	
Any other information relevant to return and reload phase?		

SORTIE 3: DESCRIPTION

Sortie 3	
Departure	
Airport	YMAV
RWY - Length	3048 metres
RWY - Heading	360
Airspace - Class	Class D - tower active
Conditions - Temp	ISA + 25 (= 40°C)
Conditions - Wind at departure	15 knots, gusting 25 knots, 270 degrees
Conditions - IMC / VMC	VMC
En route	
Distance	150 nautical miles
Direction	265 degrees
Conditions - IMC / VMC	VMC
Conditions - Turbulence	Moderate turbulence
Conditions – Wind	300/30 below 1000ft, 300/45 above 1000ft
Fire	
Conditions - Visibility	CAVOK
Drop	full load requested – prevent a finger of fire from reaching pine plantation
Coverage level requested	Coverage level 8
Return	
Airport	YMAV
Conditions - IMC / VMC	VMC - CAVOK
Note:	Changes from previous sortie shown in red



Departure		
Does this departure require a balanced field calculation?	Yes / No	
What runway length is required (use TODA calculation as per flight manual)	Metres	
Aircraft weight at take off	Kilograms	
Endurance at take-off (assume endurance at loaded cruise speed and altitude)	Minutes	
	Wheels off time	
How does the cross wind affect airtanker performance? Any other information relevant to take off phase?		
Cruise to fire		
Cruise altitude (as loaded, en route to fire)	Feet	
	Top of climb	
Cruise airspeed (as loaded, en route to fire)	Knots-TAS	
Time taken from departure to arrival at fire	Minutes	
	Arrival at Fire	
Any other information relevant to cruise phase?		

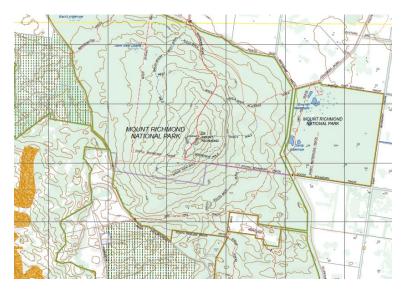
Operations at Fire		Time
What holding time is available on arrival at the fire	Minutes	
What is the maneuvring speed in the fire pattern / circuit	Knots-TAS	
What is the preferred drop speed in this scenario	Knots-TAS	
What is the preferred drop height in this scenario	Feet (AGL)	
What is the stalling speed in drop configuration	Knots-TAS	
Estimated time in the fire area to conduct these drops	Minutes	
	Drop time	
What length of retardant line would be produced (At requested coverage level -CL 8)	Metres	
What width of retardant line would be produced	Metres	
Any other information relevant to drop phase?		

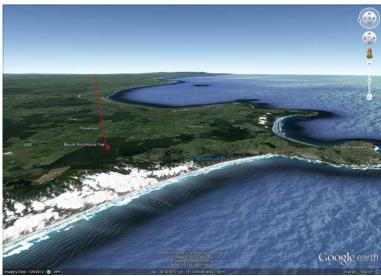
Return from Fire			Time
Cruise altitude (no load)		Feet	
Cruise airspeed (no load)		Knots-TAS	
Time taken from departing fire to landing back at airbase		Minutes	
A	Arrival time back at the airbase		
How much fuel would be remaining on arrival back at airbase		Litres	
Remaining endurance on arrival back at airbase		Minutes	
Any other information relevant to return phase?			

Lead Plane	
Would normal practice be to use a lead plane for this scenario	Yes / No
Any other information relevant to a Lead Plane? (Applicability of lead plane to this tanker, preferred aircraft type, cruise speed compared to Tanker, etc.)	

Scenario Totals					
Drops	4	Number			
Retardant delivered		Litres			
Fuel used		Litres			
Time from deployment call (13:30) to wheels stop (estimate)		Minutes			

AIRTANKER SCENARIO ATTACHMENTS







FIRE REPORT:

Potential

Potential Loss: HIGH Potential Spread: MODERATE

Potential Incident Level: LEVEL 3 **Expected To Be: CONTAINED**

By: 09:00 9 Mar 2011

Fire Behaviour

Fuel Type: HEATH Fuel Type Note: Wind Speed: 20 - 29 km/hr Bark Hazard: HIGH Wind Direction: N Elevated Fuel Hazard: HIGH FDI: 12 High Surface Fuel Hazard: HIGH Overall Hazard: HIGH

Resources

	Personnel	Tanker			Large Dozer			Other
DSE Working	46	3	13	1	3	1	2	Plus 35 IMT
DSE Resting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	None
CFA	34	3	9	0	0	0	0	None
Other	15	2	4	0	0	0	0	Industrial Brigades

Incident Management

Management Class: MULTI AGENCY (DSE) Incident Level: LEVEL 3 Controller: Andrew Morrow Agency: DSE

Control/Operations Point: Heywood ICC/IMT: Heywood

Comments

CURRENT FIRE SITUATION (including damage report)

Fire area 569.6 ha including 59 ha of plantation and 22 ha other private land. Fire bombers deployed to address spot over. Plantation and Cultural Heritage advisers in IMT. Significant cultural assets identified in western sector.

Wind direction is predominately from the north. Fire spread prediction completed at 1059. Updated spot weather issues at 1338. FBAN stated new fire spread prediction based on updated spot weather is not required.

Spots on west and east sectors. Retardant lines being constructed around fires edge in dunes in the western sector. Two graders working in plantations to consolidate fall back lines. D4 and D6 addressing spot overs in eastern sector.

Back burning continuing in northern sector along Bridgewater Tk.

1.5km retardant line constructed from the summit north to West Walking Track. West Walk Tk along north eastern edged tracked by D4.

CONTROL STRATEGY

WEST Graders consolidate fall back lines and patrolling.

EAST Back burning unburnt area south from Great South West Walk if conditions allow.

NORTH Complete back burn along Bridgewater Tk and patrol.

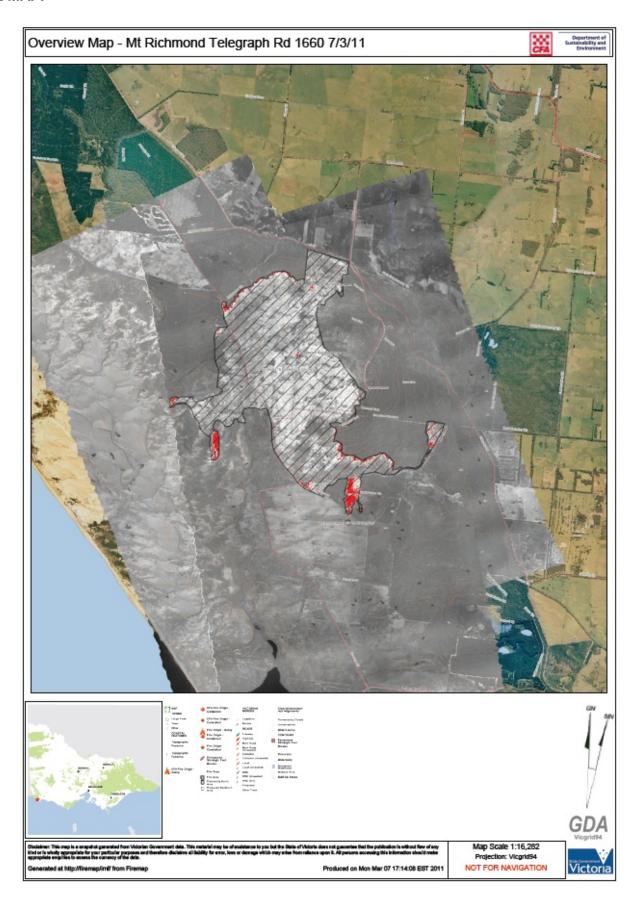
CRITICAL CONTROL FACTORS

Potential for fire to spread into plantations.

CRITICAL COMMUNITY ISSUES

Public meeting held at 11:00 at Cape Bridgewater surfclub and at 15:00 at Gorae West public hall. Signed road closures at Cnr Kennedys Rd and Bridgewater Rd, Stephens Rd from Mt Richmond Rd, Selection Rd from Telegraph Rd, Hanns Track from Telegraph Rd and Strachan Rd from Kennedys Rd.

FIRE MAP:



YMAV AVALON AIRPORT DETAILS:

Note: Airtanker base is located at "MAIN APRON" as shown on diagram. Provided for scenario use only

