



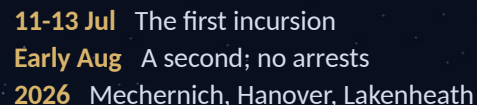
INCIDENT DETAILS • 5WH

How Drones flown into restricted airspace over multiple nights; the response ran through civil police.

IMPACT

- Human: none. No casualties, no damage, no confirmed disruption to flying.
- Capability: repeated incursions over the country's primary fifth-generation fighter base, neither identified nor stopped, across two episodes a month apart.
- Protective: the reported mitigation was closing the blinds and the responder was a state police unit.
- Deterrence: the penalty for breaching the restricted airspace runs to about A\$18,200 in court.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



- 1 11-13 Jul: multiple aircraft over the base
- 2 No weapon used; referred to NSW Police
- 3 Personnel told to close window blinds
- 4 10 Aug: investigation completed, withheld
- 5 Early Aug: it happens again

ASSESSMENT, LESSONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Repetition is what separates this from a nuisance - two episodes a month apart is a pattern of behaviour.
- Answering with civil police is the structural finding; a criminal investigation is not a defence.
- The blinds are the honest measure of what was available, and the gap was legal as much as technical.
- The penalty is not proportionate to the target, so the legal risk to a deliberate operator is negligible.