

COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS DEFENCE – CIVIL, BUILDING AND MECHANICAL WORKS

New Infrastructure for the Royal Australian Air Force at one of Australia's most remote locations

The Cocos (Keeling) Islands located 3,000km off Australia's west coast - are some of Australia's most remote and isolated, yet strategically important locations for the nation's Defence Force. The airfield on the island supports numerous Air Force operations and has been identified as requiring upgrades to landside infrastructure. Carey was awarded the contract to carry out the construction of the new facilities, under competitive tender through the Federal Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP) arrangements.

Contract Type

Lump Sum



The scope included:

- Demolition and disposal of existing buildings and facilities
- Construction and fitout of a new flight line building (modular building comprising nine 20' shipping containers)
- Construction of a new oxygen bottle storage facility (precast concrete tilt-up panels)
- Construction of a new ground support equipment warehouse (steel frame and clad structure)
- Construction of a new vehicle shelter (steel frame and clad structure)
- Repairs to air-conditioning systems on existing Defence Force buildings on the Island
- Modifications to site power/ water and sewage services
- Brick pavements across the site and secure perimeter fencing.

As Head Contractor, Carey was responsible for the manufacturing



of project building elements in Western Australia, the logistics associated with shipping the materials from Fremantle to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, and the installation of the facilities on the island.

In addition to creating job opportunities for Indigenous Australians, Carey worked to provide employment outcomes via the project for the local Cocos Malay population.







