

FLARE FOR THE DRAMATIC

A Boeing 737 Airborne Early Warning and Control plane for Australia's Wedgetail program dispenses flares in a demonstration of its self-protection systems during recent testing over the Puget Sound in Washington. Flares and chaff act as a decoy to help protect the plane and crew from missile attacks. This image was taken from a still camera mounted on a Lear 25 jet accompanying the flight. Two of six Wedgetail jets ordered by the Royal Australian Air Force were delivered last month. Photo CREDIT: BOEING