
2019 Whenuapai airspace review

Airspace user consultation

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1. Introduction

One of the first areas reviewed under 2014 Airspace Review plan was the Auckland region airspace. One of the aims of the review was to assess if existing controlled airspace remained fit-for-purpose.

Due to time constraints, a thorough review of the Whenuapai control zone (CTR) and surrounding general aviation areas (GAA) was unable to be completed in time to include any changes with the 2014 review. This date was further revised to coincide with PBN implementation at Whenuapai aerodrome, now planned for November 2019.

CTRs are intended to be as small as practicable to protect the flight paths of IFR flights arriving at and departing from an aerodrome. Civil aviation Rule 71.55(c) requires that the lateral limits contain those portions of airspace, not within a control area, where an IFR flight will operate under instrument meteorological conditions; extend at least 5 NM from the centre of the aerodrome from which an instrument approach may be made; and to consider the category of IFR aircraft using the aerodrome.

Airways have now completed the review of the Whenuapai CTR and submitted a petition to reduce the size of the CTR where practical to meet the intentions above – primarily to the north east and south west. Those general aviation areas (GAA) adjoining with the CTR boundaries are also proposed for amendment.

The Airways petition is available on the Airspace Review website at the following link: : <http://www.caa.govt.nz/airspace/airspace-review>

2. What next

Civil aviation rule 71.9 requires the Director to consult with affected persons, organisations and representative groups within the aviation industry before making a designation or classification of airspace.

The Director invites feedback in regard to the proposed controlled airspace changes, as well as the other proposals made by users.

CAA will conduct airspace user consultation meetings in mid-March 2019 to discuss the proposals. Meeting date(s) will be advised in late February 2019.

Once the airspace user consultation meetings have taken place, and feedback from users is received, the final airspace changes will be published for users to make further submissions prior to the visual navigation chart update cut-off date on 18 April 2019.

If it is considered necessary, further consultation meetings may be held with users in early April to discuss the final airspace amendments.

3. Consultation

This document will be sent directly to the organisations listed below. It would be appreciated if you would kindly forward the document to your members for comment and consideration.

This document will be sent directly to the following organisations.

Aerodrome operators (charted aerodromes only)

- ASB Bank Centre heliport– ASB Bank Properties Division
- Auckland Hospital heliport – Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust
- Auckland – Auckland International Airport Ltd
- Ardmore aerodrome – Ardmore Airport Ltd
- Coromandel aerodrome – Coromandel Flying Club Inc
- Great Barrier Island aerodrome – Auckland Council
- Hamilton aerodrome – Waikato Regional Airport Ltd
- Kaipara Flats aerodrome – Rodney Aero Club Inc
- Matarangi aerodrome – Matarangi Airfield Ltd
- Mechanics Bay heliport – Eagleflight Ltd
- Mercer aerodrome – Palms on George Ltd
- Motu Kaikoura Island aerodrome – Motu Kaikoura Trust
- North Shore aerodrome – North Shore Aero Club Ltd
- Okiwi Station aerodrome – Auckland Council
- Parakai aerodrome – Parakai Airfield Ltd
- Thames aerodrome – Thames Coromandel District Council
- Waiheke aerodrome – Waiheke Airfield Management Ltd
- Whenuapai aerodrome – RNZAF
- Whitianga aerodrome – Mercury Bay Aero Club

Major operators, organisations and user groups have been identified as:

- Air New Zealand Group – includes Mount Cook and Air Nelson
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Airways Corporation of New Zealand
- Ardmore Flight Operations Group
- Auckland Airspace User Group
- Balloon Association of New Zealand
- Gliding New Zealand
- Hamilton Airspace User Group
- L3 Aviation
- Model Flying New Zealand
- New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association
- New Zealand Airline Pilots Association
- New Zealand Aviation Federation
- New Zealand Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association
- New Zealand Helicopter Association
- New Zealand Parachute Federation
- New Zealand Parachute Industry Association
- Recreational Aircraft Association of New Zealand
- Royal New Zealand Air Force
- Sport Aircraft Association New Zealand
- Sport Aviation Corp
- Springhill aerodrome – Instra Aviation Ltd

This document is also available on the CAA website at the following link:

<http://www.caa.govt.nz/airspace/airspace-review>

Notifications will be sent to CAA email notification subscribers to Airspace Notifications – Briefing Areas 1, 2, 3.

If there are any further questions regarding the review process, please contact Hamish McKoy – contact details below.

4. Submissions

Prior to making a designation or classification of airspace, Civil Aviation Rule 71.9 requires the Director to consult with all parties that may be affected within the aviation industry.

This document forms part of the consultation process. Submissions are sought from any interested person, organisation or representative group.

Submissions are accepted either electronically or via mail.

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Closing date for submissions is **Thursday 28 March 2019**.

5. Further information

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