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**Proposed Visual Reporting Point**  
**Tauranga Area**  
**– airspace user consultation**

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## Introduction

### Proposal to Designate a Visual Reporting Point

Airways Corporation of New Zealand (Airways NZ) have submitted an application for an additional Visual Reporting Point (VRP) to be designated and published on visual navigation charts.

Airways NZ advised in their application this proposed location is already used by local operators, however the location cannot be used when communicating with itinerant pilots. The proposed VRP is also planned to be used when updates to the Tauranga VFR Preferred Arrival and Departure procedures are published.

See Appendix A for aerial photographs of the proposed VRP location as these were provided in the Airways NZ application information. Also at Annex A is a depiction of the proposed VRP annotated on VNC.

Airways NZ consulted with the Tauranga Aerodrome Airport Manager and local stakeholders and advised positive feedback was received from these operators.

### **Requirements of Civil Aviation Rule Part 71 (71.251)**

#### **71.251 Visual reporting points**

(a) The Director may designate visual reporting points for the purpose of—

- (1) facilitating the requirements of air traffic services for information regarding the progress of aircraft in flight; or
- (2) facilitating the safe conduct of flight by visual reference.

(b) The Director must ensure that visual reporting points —

- (1) are based on prominent geographical features; and
- (2) are identified by names or designators that—
  - (i) are easily recognisable in voice communications; and
  - (ii) will not be confused with those of other reporting points in the same general area; and
  - (iii) do not create confusion with other communications exchanged between pilots and between air traffic services and pilots.

### **Consultation list**

Prior to designating VRPs, Civil Aviation Rule 71.9 requires the Director to consult independently with affected persons, organisations, and representative groups within the aviation industry before making a designation or classification of airspace.

The Director invites feedback regarding the proposed VRP designation.

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

[2025 airspace reviews | aviation.govt.nz](https://www.caa.govt.nz/2025-airspace-reviews)

Notifications will be sent to CAA email notification subscribers to Airspace Notifications – Briefing Areas 2 and 4.

If there are any further questions regarding the consultation process, please contact CAA Aeronautical Services Unit (contact details below).

## **Submissions**

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.

Please address submissions to:

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Aeronautical Services Unit  
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Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand  
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Reference – **2025-01908 Proposed VRP – Tauranga Area**

Closing date for submissions is **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**.

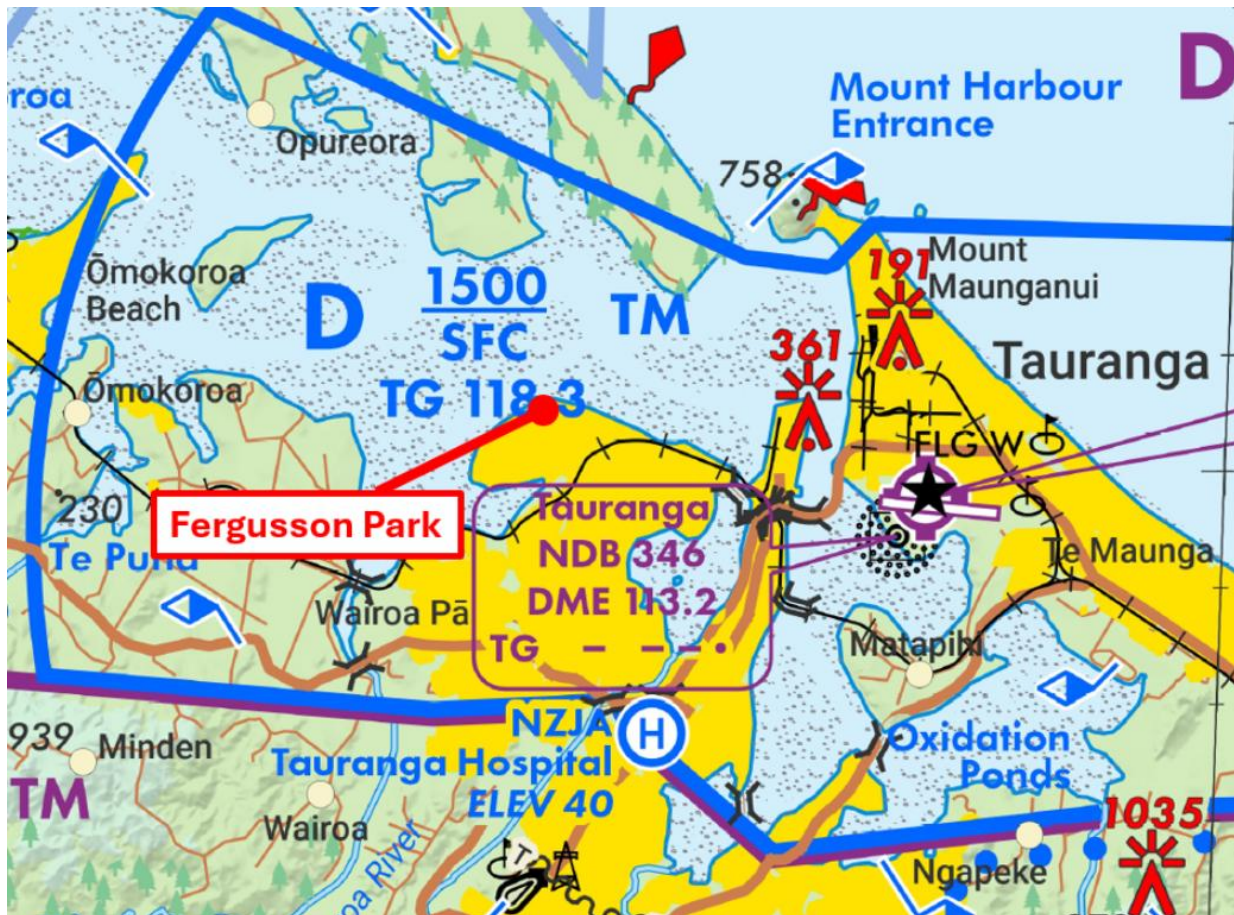
## **Further information**

For further information please email enquiries to:

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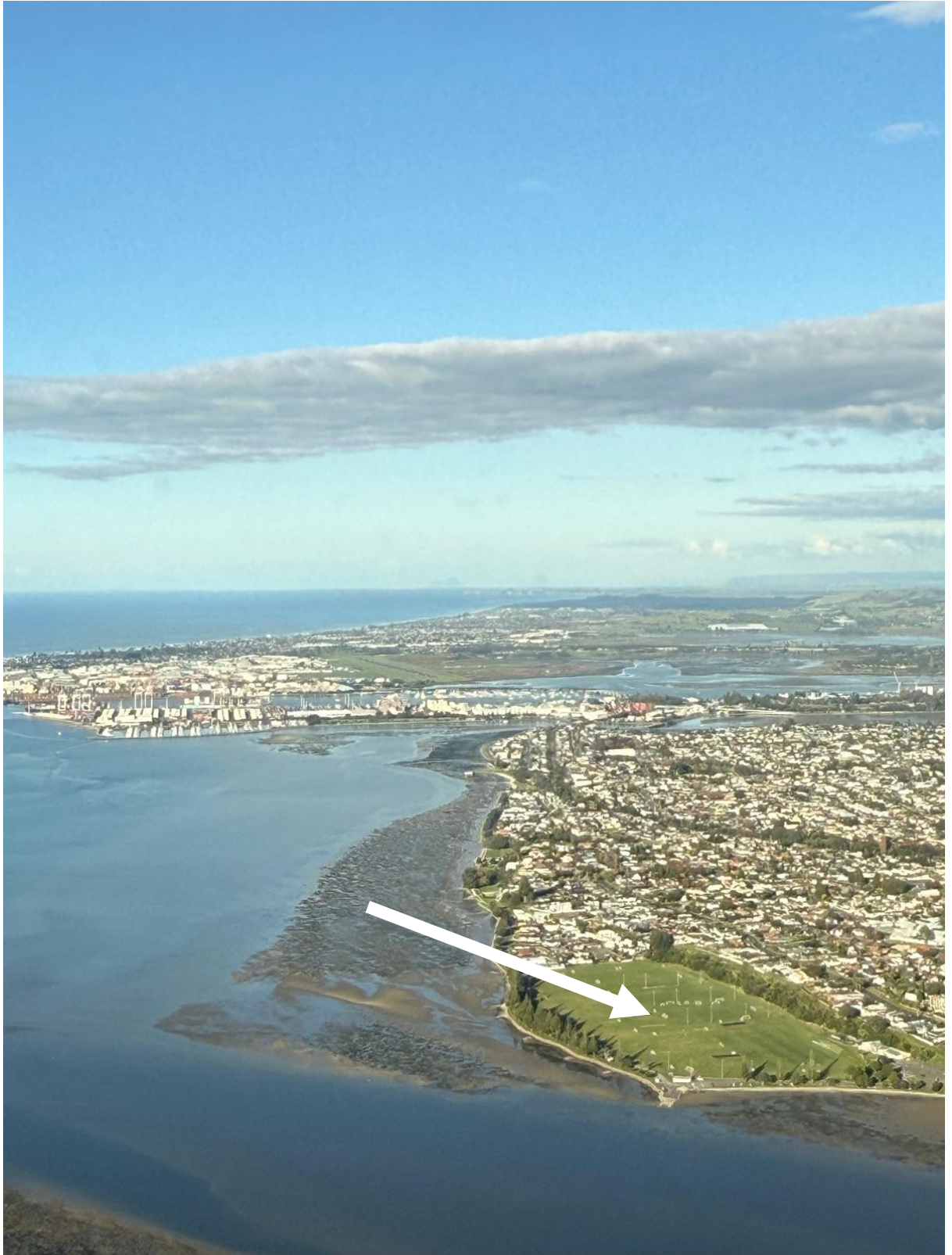
## Appendix A

### Proposed VRP - FERGUSSON PARK



## Aerial Photos

- 1) From West looking East (TG airfield in middle distance)



- 2) From West (appx 4-5nm final, slightly north of centreline) looking North East  
(Mt Maunganui in left of picture)



- 3) From West (appx 4-5nm final, slightly north of centreline) looking North East (Mt Maunganui in left of picture)



- 4) From West (appx 4-5nm final, slightly north of centreline) looking East  
(NZTG airfield in right of picture)



**5) From South East looking North West through Hunters Creek**



**6) From overhead, slightly to the north**

