
Proposed New Visual Reporting Point
Hastings Area
– airspace user consultation

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Introduction

Proposal to Designate a New Visual Reporting Point

The Hawke's Bay and East Coast Aeroclub (HBECAC) have submitted an application to designate a VRP approximately 3 NM south southeast of Hastings aerodrome.

See Appendix A for a diagram of the proposed VRP position, location is 39 41 29.67 S 176 47 36.65 E and the proposed name is Pakipaki Roundabout. The application provided the following rationale for the proposed designation:

Flying members and flight instructors at NZHS would like to add a VRP at the Pakipaki Roundabout to accommodate safer joining radio calls around NZHS. Pakipaki is used as an unofficial reporting point by Hastings pilots regularly while itinerant and new pilots don't know where this is, as it isn't a VRP.

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

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.

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

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If there are any further questions regarding the consultation process, please contact Julia Fitness– 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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Closing date for submissions is **Friday 2nd May 2025**

Further information

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Appendix A – Proposed VRP Pakipaki Roundabout

