
Proposed Visual Reporting Point
Waikato Area
– airspace user consultation

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Introduction

Proposal to Designate a Visual Reporting Point

The Auckland Aero Club group have submitted an application for an additional Visual Reporting Point (VRP) to be designated and published on visual navigation charts; VRP position S 37 13 26 E 175 01 52.

A VRP, GREEN SHED, immediately to the east of that position is withdrawn effective 9 July 2026 due to the shed having been repainted and no longer being readily identifiable as previously.

See Appendix A for a screenshot depicting the proposed VRP location as was provided in the application and the GREENSHED changed appearance.

The application information advised a proposed VRP designated SAWMILL was discussed at an Ardmore Flight Operators Group meeting and members had agreed the proposed name and location were suitable, for the purpose of a VRP. However, a SAWMILL VRP is already designated in the Air Navigation Register and following discussion with the applicant the proposed VRP name was amended to TIMBER YARD.

Note: a VRP TIMBER MILL is designated located near Hood Aerodrome.

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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[2026 airspace reviews | aviation.govt.nz](https://www.caa.govt.nz/2026-airspace-reviews)

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

If there are any further questions regarding the consultation process, please contact the Team Coordinator in the first instance - 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
Aviation Safety Oversight Group
Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand
PO Box 3555 Wellington 6140

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Reference – **2026-00834 Proposed VRP – Waikato Area**

Closing date for submissions is **Tuesday 21st July 2026**.

Further information

For further information contact:

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Appendix A – Previous VRP GREEN SHED and Proposed VRP TIMBER YARD



Proposed VRP TIMBER YARD Indicative Position below

