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**Request for Military Operating Areas  
New Zealand Defence Force  
Airspace user consultation**

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## Introduction

The New Zealand Defence Force submitted an application in November 2020 for two Military Operational Areas (MOA) to be designated for the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) flight training activities. These two MOA areas have been temporarily designated in the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) Supplements.

## Civil Aviation Rules context

Civil Aviation Rule Part 71 provides the regulatory context to designate Military Operating Areas, as special use airspace. Specifically, 71.151 prescribes the criteria that the Director must consider in designating special use airspace, as below:

### 71.151 General

*(a) The Director may designate special use airspace under this Subpart if the Director considers such airspace is necessary—*

- (1) in the interests of safety or security within the civil aviation system; or*
- (2) in the interests of national security; or*
- (3) for any other reason in the public interest.*

*(b) The Director must ensure that each portion of airspace designated under this Subpart is as small as practicable consistent with the activities for which the area is required.*

Further, 71.153 prescribes the criteria for designating military operating areas, detailing the Director and administering agency responsibilities:

### 71.155 Military operating areas

*(a) The Director may—*

- (1) designate a portion of airspace as a military operating area to segregate military activities from other traffic; and*
- (2) impose conditions under which—*
  - (i) aircraft may be permitted to fly within that military operating area; and*
  - (ii) an administering authority specified under paragraph (b)(2) must operate.*

*(b) The Director must—*

- (1) specify the type of activity for which each military operating area is designated; and*
- (2) specify the administering authority responsible for each military operating area; and*
- (3) identify each military operating area by the ICAO nationality letters of the applicable State followed by the letter “M” followed by a number.*

(c) The administering authority responsible for a military operating area—

(1) must manage—

- (i) the entry of aircraft into the military operating area; and
- (ii) the operation of aircraft within the military operating area; and
- (iii) the exit of aircraft from the military operating area; and

(2) if the military operating area is designated as being made active by NOTAM, must at least 24 hours before the military operating area is to become active, give to the New Zealand NOTAM Office notice of that military operating area becoming active, except that in the case of emergencies less than 24 hour's notice may be given; and

(3) may, within any conditions imposed by the Director under paragraph (a)(2)(ii), impose conditions under which an aircraft may be operated within the military operating area

## Proposed Areas

The requested areas are the same areas (NZM307 and NZM 308) as promulgated currently in AIP supplement:

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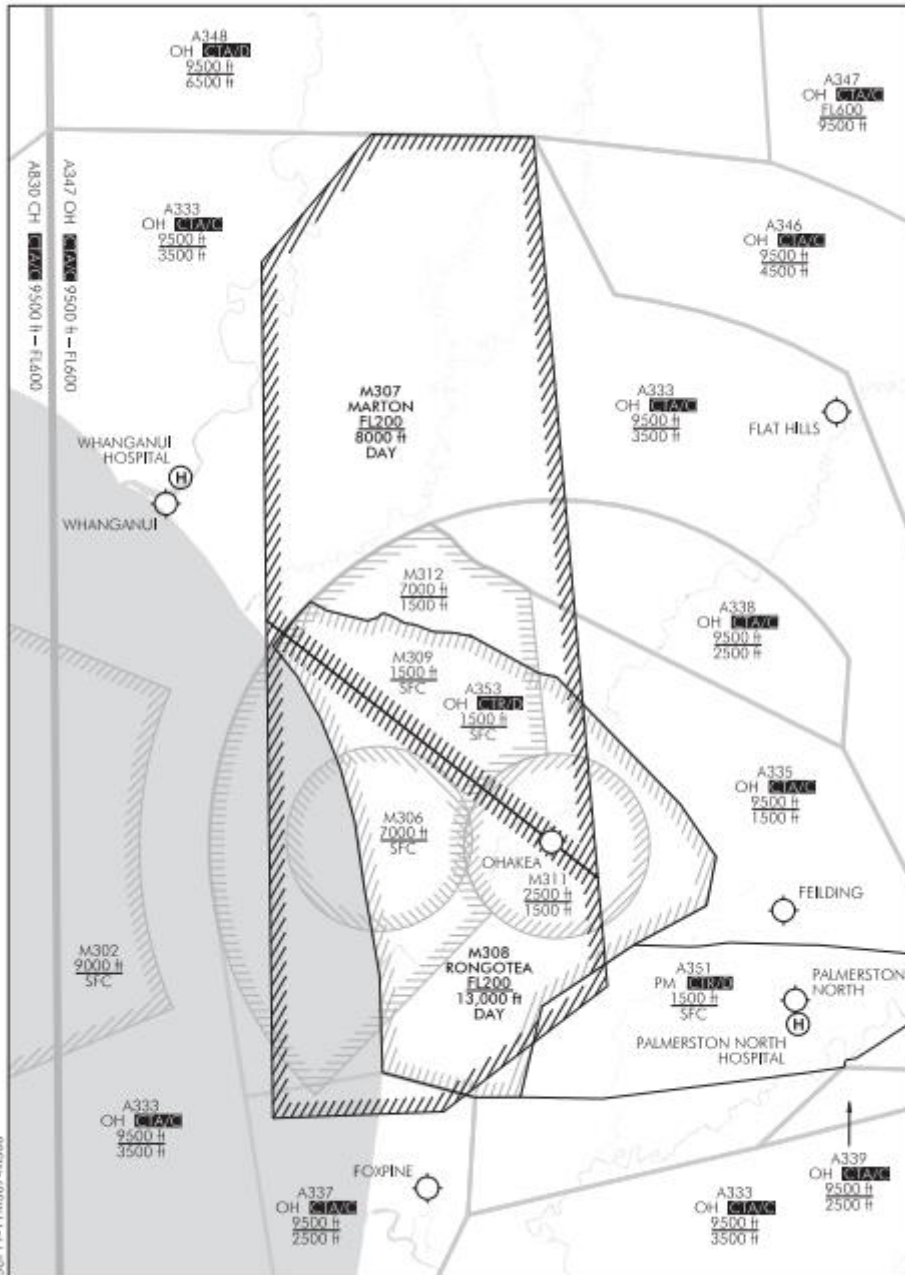
### Manawatu — Temporary Military Operating Areas

Temporary military operating areas NZM307 and NZM308 are prescribed to facilitate the safety of air navigation during military training activities:

<b>NZM307</b>	<b>Marion, Manawatu</b>
Upper limit:	FL200
Lower limit:	8000 ft AMSL
Activity:	Active during daylight hours; military activity
Administering authority:	RNZAF Base Ohakea, Tel 0800 RUNWAY (0800 786 929) or Ohakea Approach 125.1 MHz

<b>NZM308</b>	<b>Rongotea, Manawatu</b>
Upper limit:	FL200
Lower limit:	13,000 ft AMSL
Activity:	Active during daylight hours; military activity
Administering authority:	RNZAF Base Ohakea, Tel 0800 RUNWAY (0800 786 929) or Ohakea Approach 125.1 MHz

Prescribed pursuant to Civil Aviation Rules, Part 71 *Designation and Classification of Airspace*, under a delegated authority issued by the Director of Civil Aviation.



**Possible effect to IFR and VFR aircraft**

Both MOA areas are contained within existing controlled airspace with the appointed administering authority being Airways New Zealand (Ohakea Approach). Ohakea Approach provide specialised air traffic control services necessary for the safe and efficient operation of military aircraft and to ensure the maintenance of separation standards between military aircraft and civil aircraft which operate in the vicinity of these areas.

## **Consultation**

Prior to designating airspace, 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 airspace permanent publication.

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 consideration and comment.

### **Aerodrome operators (charted aerodromes/heliports only)**

- Ohakea Aerodrome
- Fielding Aerodrome
- Palmerston North Aerodrome
- Palmerston North Hospital
- Foxpine Aerodrome
- Whanganui Aerodrome
- Whanganui Hospital

### **Operators, Organisations and User Groups**

- Airways Corporation of New Zealand
- Air New Zealand
- Royal New Zealand Air Force
- New Zealand Aviation Federation
- New Zealand Helicopter Association
- Recreational Aircraft Association of New Zealand
- Balloon Association of New Zealand
- Gliding New Zealand
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- New Zealand Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association
- Sport Aircraft Association New Zealand
- Sport Aviation Corp

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## **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, addressed to:

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Closing date for submissions to this proposal is **Monday 8th May 2023**.

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