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1. Introduction

Controlled airspace is intended to be as small as practicable to safely protect IFR routes and procedures.

The review of the Waikato and Bay of Plenty airspace commenced in June 2015 and submissions were requested from users before 7 August 2015.

A summary of the submissions, as well as copies of the submissions received, was published on 30 October 2015.

At the time submissions closed, Airways was still designing the PBN procedures and were unable to provide final designs changes, if any, to existing controlled airspace.

Airways has now submitted three petitions requesting controlled airspace changes at Tauranga, Hamilton and Rotorua, for both control zones and lower level control areas.

Copies of these petitions are available on the Airspace Review website at the following link: http://www.caa.govt.nz/airspace/airspace_review.htm

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-February 2016 to discuss the proposals. At this stage meetings are planned for Hamilton and Tauranga. The dates will be advised in late January 2016.

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 21 April 2016.

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 following organisations.

Aerodrome operators (charted aerodromes only)

- Centennial Park aerodrome Taupo Gliding Club
- Galatea aerodrome Urewera Aero Club
- Hamilton aerodrome Waikato Regional Airport Ltd

- Matamata aerodrome Matamata Piako District Council
- Opotiki aerodrome Opotiki District Council
- Rangitaiki aerodrome W A Stevenson Holdings Limited
- Rotorua aerodrome Rotorua Regional Airport Ltd
- Rotorua Hospital heliport Lakeland Health Ltd
- Rotorua Lakefront heliport Volcanic Air Safaris
- Rotorua Lakes Volcanic Air Safaris
- Taumaranui aerodrome Ruapehu District Council
- Taumaranui Hospital heliport Health Waikato Ltd
- Taupo aerodrome Taupo Airport Authority
- Taupo Hospital heliport Lakes District Health Board
- Taupo Water aerodrome Lake Taupo Harbour Master
- Tauranga aerodrome Tauranga Airport Authority
- Tauranga Hospital heliport Pacific Health Limited
- Te Kowhai aerodrome Rob Clear
- Te Kuiti aerodrome Waitomo District Council
- Te Kuiti Hospital heliport Waikato District Health Board
- Tokoroa aerodrome South Waikato District Council
- · Tokoroa Hospital heliport Tokoroa Hospital
- Turangi aerodrome Taupo Airport Authority
- Waihi Beach Double R Waihi
- Waikato Hospital heliport Search and Rescue Service Ltd
- Whakatane aerodrome Whakatane District Council
- Whakatane Hospital heliport Bay of Plenty District Health Board
- Wharepapa South aerodrome GC Saunders Family Trust

Operators, Organisations and User Groups

The following major operators, organisations and users have been identified:

- Air New Zealand Group includes Mount Cook, Air Nelson, Eagle Airways
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Airways Corporation of New Zealand
- CTC Aviation

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- Flying NZ
- Gliding New Zealand
- Matamata Aero Club
- Matamata User Group
- New Zealand Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association
- Recreational Aircraft Association of New Zealand
- Rotorua User Group
- Royal New Zealand Air Force
- Sport Aircraft Association New Zealand
- Sport Aviation Corp
- Taupo User Group
- Tauranga Aero Club
- · Tauranga User Group
- The New Zealand Aviation Federation
- Tokoroa Aero Club
- · Waikato Aero Club
- · Waitomo Aero Club

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

http://www.caa.govt.nz/airspace/airspace_review.htm

Notifications will be sent to CAA email notification subscribers to Airspace Notifications – Briefing Areas 2, 3 and 4.

If you have any further questions regarding the review process, please contact Paula Moore – 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.

Please address submissions to:

Group Executive Officer Aviation Infrastructure and Personnel

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Reference – 2016 Waikato and Bay of Plenty Airspace Review

Closing date for submissions is Thursday 25 February 2016.

5. Further information

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