
Proposed Visual Reporting Points
Mackenzie Basin
– airspace user consultation

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Introduction

Proposal to Designate Two Visual Reporting Points

Pukaki Airport have submitted an application for 2 additional Visual Reporting Points (VRP) to be designated and published on visual navigation charts:

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| 1. VRP Name TBC | 44 13 50S 170 16 15E |
| <i>Cow Sheds</i> | (Position approximately 1.5 KM north west of |
| <i>The Farm</i> | Simons Hill) |
| 2. VRP Mackenzie Pass | 44 11 35S 170 36 37E |

The application noted the proposed VRPs had been discussed at several Pukaki Airport User Group Meetings attended by Canterbury Aviation College, Red Cat Biplanes, Mount Cook Skydive, Inflite, Air Safaris Tekapo and other local users.

The application requested a VRP (1.) to be designated as Simon's Hill. However, the coordinates for this position are not on the hill, instead positioned to north west of the hill. Whilst the intention for the VRP to be named Simons Hill was proposed for its geographic locality, designating a VRP with the name 'Hill' when the position requested is not on the hill does not meet the requirements of Civil Aviation Rule Part 71.251. Whilst acknowledging local users are familiar with the name and general position an itinerant pilot would not be familiar. Following discussion with the applicant and other users the names Cow Sheds and The Farm were suggested.

The application also noted the points submitted in the application would improve safety for pilots passing through or landing in the area and were of importance for low hour pilots and parachuting operations in the area.

Civil Aviation Rule Part 71 prescribes the general rules for the designation of airspace, including VRPs.

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 2 proposed VRP designations, including feedback on naming of the VRP 1 position.

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

<https://www.aviation.govt.nz/airspace-and-aerodromes/airspace/airspace-review/2021-airspace-reviews/>

Notifications will be sent to CAA email notification subscribers to Airspace Notifications – Briefing Areas 7,8,9, and 10.

If there are any further questions regarding the consultation process, please contact Julia Fitness or Hamish McKoy – 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 4th March 2022**.

Further information

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Appendix A – Proposed VRPs Mackenzie Basin

