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Introduction

NZD929 is designated to warn pilots of the potential hazard from live firing taking place at the NZ Army military base Burnham Camp, south-west of Christchurch.

Restructuring of army facilities has led to a growth in personnel based at Burnham Camp. Because of this growth, there has been a subsequent increase in military training activities within the existing danger area, including remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS) and helicopter operations.

Following a review of the operations within the existing airspace, the NZ Army has requested that the danger area is disestablished, and a military operating area (MOA) designated instead.

Proposed amendment

The lateral boundaries of the proposed MOA would be the same as for NZD929.

The upper limit of the proposed MOA would be the same as NZD929 – 1300 ft AMSL.

The existing danger area, NZD929, is shown in the diagram in Figure 1.

Possible effect to IFR aircraft

There would be no effect to IFR aircraft as the proposed MOA is outside controlled airspace, and therefore clear of IFR flight paths and procedures.

Possible effect to VFR aircraft

The effect on VFR aircraft should be minimal. The Christchurch VFR departures and arrival procedures would enable pilots to track clear of the proposed MOA.

The main change for pilots is that aircraft would be required to remain clear of the airspace unless authorisation has been received from administering authority to operate with the proposed MOA.

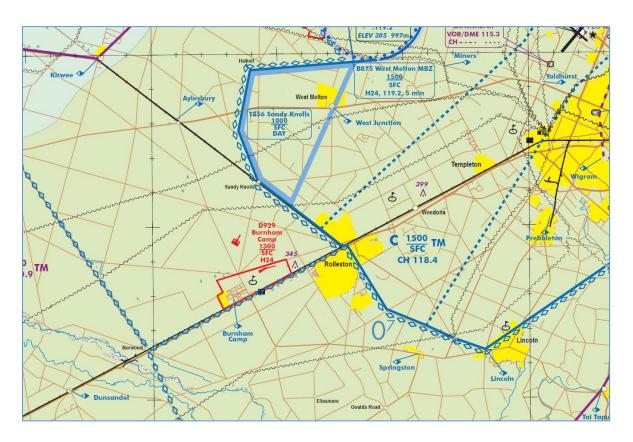


Figure 1 - NZD929 Burnham

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 change.

At this stage it is not intended that CAA will hold an airspace consultation meeting unless this is specifically requested by users.

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 shown on VNC D2 only)

- Burwood Hospital heliport (Canterbury Health Ltd)
- Christchurch aerodrome (Christchurch International Airport Ltd)
- Christchurch Hospital heliport (Canterbury Health Ltd)
- Forest Field (P A Collings)
- Rangiora (Waimakariri District Council)

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West Melton (Canterbury Aero Club (Inc))

Operators, Organisations and User Groups

- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Airways Corporation of New Zealand
- Balloon Association of New Zealand
- Canterbury Aero Club (Inc)/International Aviation Academy of New Zealand
- Canterbury Airspace User Group
- Garden City Helicopters
- Gliding New Zealand
- Model Flying New Zealand
- New Zealand Airline Pilots Association
- New Zealand Aviation Federation
- New Zealand Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association
- New Zealand Helicopter Association
- New Zealand Parachute Federation
- New Zealand Parachute Industry Association
- Recreational Aircraft Association of New Zealand
- Royal New Zealand Air Force
- Sport Aircraft Association New Zealand
- Sport Aviation Corp

This document is also available on the CAA website at the following link: http://www.caa.govt.nz/airspace/airspace-review/

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

If there are any further questions regarding the review process, please contact Paula Moore – contact details below.

Submissions

This document forms part of the consultation process. Submissions are sought from any interested person, organisation or representative group to provide further information relevant to this proposal.

Submissions are accepted either electronically or via mail.

Please address submissions to:

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Closing date for submissions is Thursday 12 April 2018.

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