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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 Taranaki airspace commenced in June 2016 and submissions were requested from users before 5 September 2016.

A summary of the submissions, as well as copies of the submissions received, was published on 5 December 2016.

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

Airways has now submitted a petition requesting controlled airspace changes for the Taranaki area.

The new general aviation areas requested by Taranaki Gliding Club (refer 2017 Taranaki Airspace Review - Summary of Submissions document), which were based on the existing control areas, will also be considered in relation to the amended controlled airspace as proposed by Airways in their petition.

A copy of this petition is 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-March 2017 to discuss the proposals. Meeting date(s) will be advised in late February 2017.

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 20 April 2017.

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 organisations listed below. It would be appreciated if you would kindly forward the document to your members for comment and consideration.

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Aerodrome operators (charted aerodromes only)

- Hawera aerodrome (Hawera Aero Club)
- Maui A and B heliports (Helicopters New Zealand Ltd)
- New Plymouth aerodrome (New Plymouth District Council)
- Norfolk aerodrome
- Stratford aerodrome (Stratford District Council)
- Taranaki Base Hospital heliport (Taranaki Health)

Operators, Organisations and User Groups

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

- Air New Zealand Group includes Mount Cook and Air Nelson
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Airways Corporation of New Zealand
- Balloon Association of New Zealand
- CTC Aviation
- Gliding New Zealand
- Hawera Aero Club
- Helicopters New Zealand Ltd
- Massey School of Aviation
- Model Flying New Zealand
- New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association
- 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

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- Royal New Zealand Air Force
- Sport Aircraft Association New Zealand
- Sport Aviation Corp
- Stratford Sports Flyers

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 Area 3.

If there are 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:

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Reference – 2017 Taranaki Airspace Review

Closing date for submissions is **Thursday 30 March 2017**.

5. Further information

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