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**Proposed Visual Reporting Points**  
**Wanaka Area**  
**– airspace user consultation**

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## Introduction

### Proposal to Designate Five Visual Reporting Points

Queenstown Airport Corporation have submitted an application for 5 additional Visual Reporting Points (VRP) to be designated in the Wanaka area and published on visual navigation charts. The application also requests 2 current VRPs are withdrawn.

The proposed VRPs were initially discussed by the Wanaka Airport Safety and Operational Committee (WASOC) which comprises of Chief Pilots and/or Safety Managers for all commercial operators based at Wanaka Aerodrome. Members include 10 commercial operators plus 4 regional operators who regularly use the airport. The Chairperson of the Wanaka Airport User Group (WAUG) is also a member of WASOC and represents all local general aviation and recreational users. A WASOC subcommittee was established to complete a review of the published VNC reporting points and made recommendations for additional VRPs to WASOC. The CAA Aviation Safety Advisor supported the subcommittee providing advice during the review, including:

- ensuring all changes submitted were justifiable from an aeronautical perspective, not just an operational or local 'nice to have'.
- ensuring new VRPs provided a balance between air traffic communication providing enhanced safety and not over complicating to the point of potential pilot distraction.

See Appendix A for a diagram of the proposed new VRPs, including:

Glendu Bay	Glendu Bay is easily identifiable and incorporates the entire area of Matukituki River Mouth, Motatapu Homestead, and Coromandel.	44 39 52.38 S 169 01 25.49E
Cardrona Pines	This area is between two existing reporting points, Cardrona and Mt Barker, but it is an area with not a lot of reference points or landmark identifiers for aircraft to communicate coming from the Cardrona valley around the corner to Mt Barker.	44 48 16.19 S 169 02 57.00E

Queensbury Ponds	To replace the existing Queensberry reporting point which is not fixed to any specific landmark and is often reported anywhere from Dunstan to Luggate.	44 46 48.16 S 169 18 23.21 E
Albert Town Bridge	Captures traffic coming from the north west and is the most identifiable and common landmark before traffic enters the Wanaka circuit.	44 40 52.45 S 169 11 26.56 E
Mou Whau	Significant landmark extensively used by inbound traffic from the west.	44 33 20.38 S 169 04 52.23 E

See Appendix A for diagram of current VRPs to be removed:

Matukituki River Mouth		44 37 49.60 S 169 00 51.80 E
Queensberry		44 49 47.30 S 169 19 58.70 E

## **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 5 proposed VRP designations.

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If there are any further questions regarding the consultation process, please Julia Fitness – 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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Reference – **Proposed VRPs Wanaka Area 21/ASD/25**

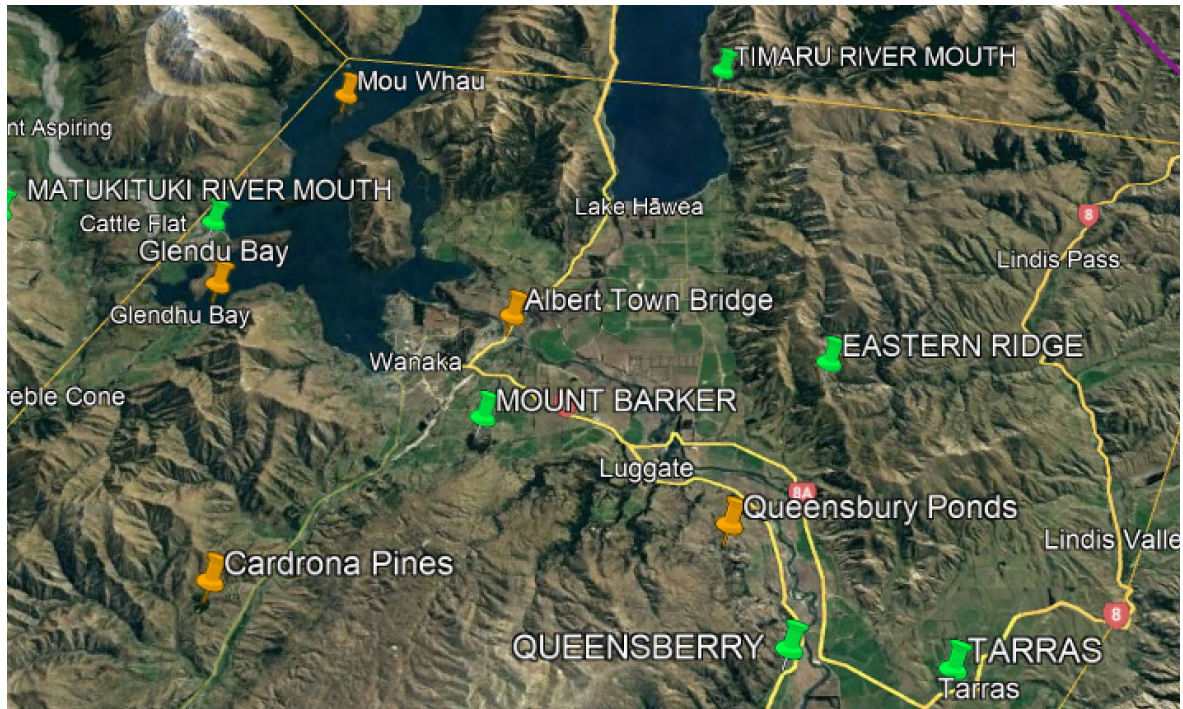
Closing date for submissions is **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**.

## Further information

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## Appendix A – Proposed VRPs Wanaka Area



Existing VRPs

Note: Proposal to withdraw Matukituki River Mouth and Queensbury VRPs



Proposed VRP