
**2016 Waikato and Bay of Plenty Airspace
Review
Summary of Submissions**

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Overview

As indicated in the CAA 2015-2018 Airspace Review Plan document, the airspace in the Waikato and Bay of Plenty region is under review with changes to be implemented in November 2016.

The review is aligned with the planned operations of new performance based navigation (PBN) procedures currently being designed by Airways Corporation of New Zealand.

This review comprises all the airspace detailed on the C3, C5 and C6 visual navigation charts covering the area south of Waihi Beach, westwards to Hamilton control zone-Te Kuiti-Taumarunui, eastwards to Opotiki-Lake Waikaremoana and as far south as Turangi.

Airspace reviewed includes:

- Controlled airspace
- VFR transit lanes
- General aviation areas
- Restricted areas
- Military operating areas
- Mandatory broadcast zones
- Danger areas
- Low flying zones
- VFR reporting points
- Common frequency zones

Initial consultation commenced with airspace users at the end of May 2015. Cut-off for submissions was 7 August 2015.

Submissions received

A total of 12 submissions were received from the following airspace users:

- Airways Corporation of New Zealand
- Air Nelson
- David Jensen
- Gliding New Zealand
- Jonathan Cross

- Lake Taupo Harbourmaster
- Matamata Soaring Centre
- Matamata Users Group
- New Zealand Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (NZHGPA)
- Piako Gliding Club
- Recreational Aircraft Association of New Zealand (RAANZ)
- Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF)
- Taupo Gliding Club

The submissions received are available on the CAA Airspace Review page and should be referred to for full details of the proposed and requested airspace amendments.

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

Summary of requested airspace changes

Controlled airspace

Airways have reviewed the Tauranga, Hamilton and Rotorua control zones. Final designs are yet to be confirmed, as are any changes to control areas. Further consultation with users will take place in early November.

The majority of the submissions requested the lower level of some control areas, particularly those over the Matamata and Karapiro areas.

VFR transit lanes

Depending on the final CTR design, VFR transit lanes T251 Northern and T252 Te Awamutu, Hamilton will be amended.

There was a request for a VFR transit lane to be established in the west of Omokoroa in the Tauranga CTR.

General aviation areas

There were several submissions for amendments to the general aviation areas and to establish new ones.

NZG294 West Hamilton and NZG295 Pirongia

During the 2015 Club Class National gliding competition two temporary general aviation areas were designated west of Hamilton. Now that there are no trans-Tasman flights to and from Hamilton, Gliding NZ have requested that consideration be given to designating these areas permanently. Refer to Figure 1.

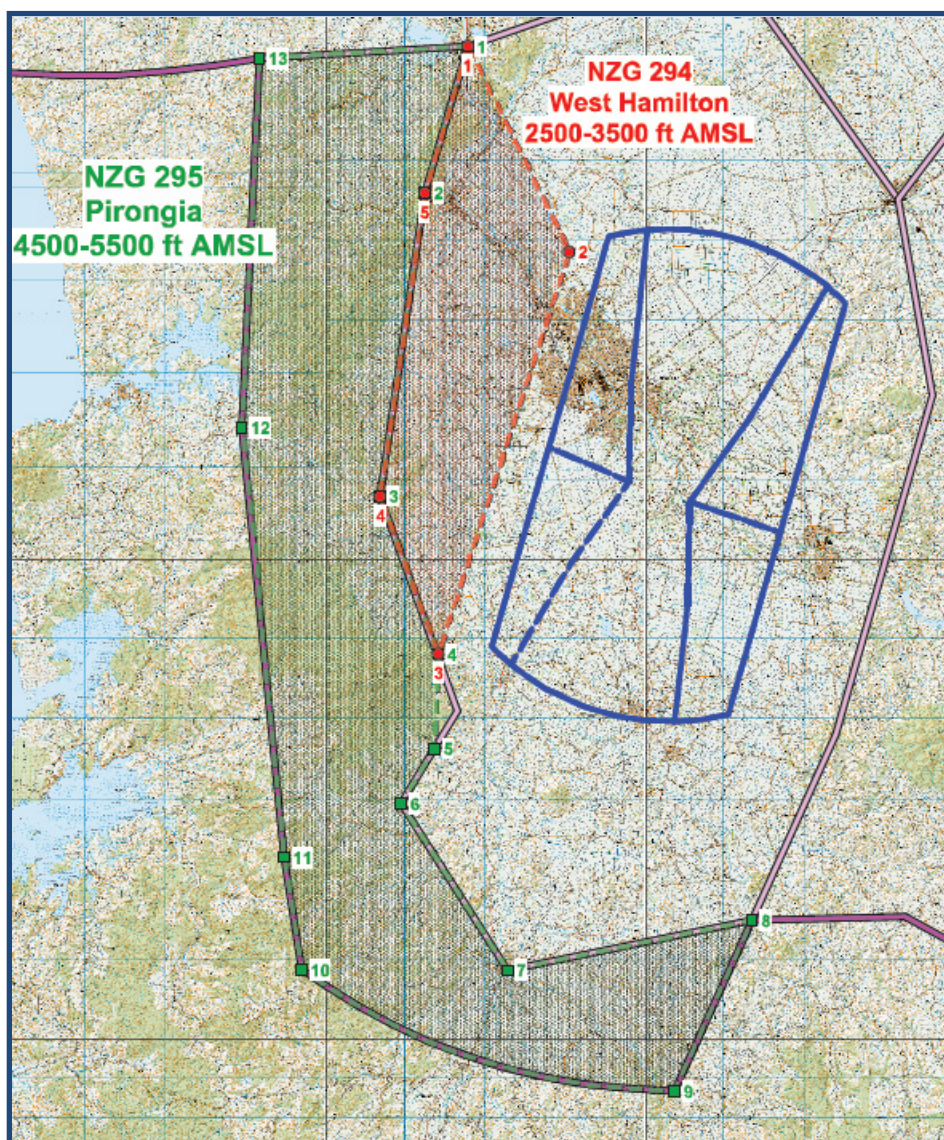


Figure 1
NZG294 and NZG295

Restricted areas

During gliding competitions held over the summer, there are two temporary restricted areas designated to allow gliders to operate in instrument meteorological conditions as per rule 104.53. Gliding NZ proposes amendments to the eastern and western boundaries

Military operating areas

There are no military operating areas in review area.

Mandatory broadcast zones

There were no requests for new, or changes to existing, MBZs in the review area.

Danger areas

There were no requests for new, or changes to existing, danger areas in the review area.

Low flying zones

One submission referred to the LFZs currently within the Hamilton and Tauranga CTRs. Depending on the final CTR designs, the airspace surrounding these LFZs may change to Class G.

Common frequency zones

There was one proposal suggesting the following:

- establish CFZs on either side of the Hamilton CTR
- Peninsula CFZ extended to Tauranga CTR boundary

Following actions

Once the final petitions are received from Airways for controlled airspace changes, expected early December, CAA will begin final consultation on all proposed changes with users.

Submissions on the final airspace proposals will be invited from users between December 2015 and January 2016. Consultation meetings will be held late February/early March 2016.

Once the airspace user consultation meetings have taken place, there will be an opportunity to make further submissions prior to the visual navigation chart update cut-off date on 21 April 2016.

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:

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

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