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**2017 West Coast airspace review**  
**South Island v2**

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## 1. 2017 West Coast – South Island airspace review

As outlined in the CAA 2015-2018 Airspace Review Plan document, airspace over the West Coast of the South Island is under review with changes to be effective 9 November 2017.

CAA objectives in this airspace review are to:

- de-clutter, simplify and clarify West Coast – South Island airspace
- take a regional approach to airspace review and change
- reduce confusion in some airspace areas to improve safety
- address identified “hotspots” of airspace incidents or occurrences
- involve stakeholders to ensure all issues are assessed, and
- take a long term strategic approach to airspace so changes are less frequent.

## 2. Review process

Civil aviation rule 71.11 requires the Director to review each current airspace designation and classification every five years to verify the continuing need for the airspace.

For the 2015-2018 airspace review period it is intended to take a regional approach to the review process, which will allow more focussed consultation and a strategic overview of all airspace in each region. This will allow current and known future issues to be addressed and at the same time to reduce the number of annual airspace changes.

This review is intended to provide an assessment of airspace needs for the full five year period to ensure the stability of airspace design and associated aeronautical charting and to reduce the need for amendments in the intervening five years.

The full list and current timetable for airspace changes are in the CAA 2015-2018 Airspace Review Plan document.

### Scope of review

This review will comprise all the airspace detailed on the C9, C10 and C12 visual navigation charts covering the area westward of the Southern Alps between Wekakura Point and Jackson Bay. Refer to Appendices A and B for diagrams of the review area.

Airspace includes:

- controlled airspace
- general aviation areas
- restricted areas

- military operating areas
- danger areas
- low flying zones
- mandatory broadcast zones
- VFR reporting points
- common frequency zones

**a) Airways Corporation of New Zealand**

Airways will focus on what current issues there are affecting air traffic management. As well, Airways is investigating what, if any, might be considered to current controlled airspace boundaries while still protecting the instrument flight paths and procedures.

**b) Aerodrome operators**

Aerodrome operators are requested to consider any proposed changes to aerodrome operations that may affect airspace use i.e. expansion to include new activities, air transport operations, addition/removal of runways.

**c) Airline operators**

While the impact of this review should have minimal impact on existing airline operations, feedback is sought from airline operators as to how the current airspace is meeting needs, changes airline operators would like to be made and information on proposed changes to operations at aerodromes that may impact on airspace design.

**d) Military users**

Feedback is sought from the New Zealand Defence Force regarding its current and future airspace needs in this region.

**e) User groups**

Airspace user groups are requested to consider how the current airspace is working, where any issues are and if it still meets the needs of users.

**f) All airspace users**

Comments, suggestions and any proposals are sought for airspace changes.

For those named as the using agency of a low flying zone, this is the time to confirm that you continue to have land/water owner consent to operate over their property (71.163(f)).

After the submission period is complete, further consultation will take place with all users on any proposed changes.

Final consultation will take place in January 2017 to ensure adequate time before the April 2017 cut-off date for the visual navigation chart update effective 9 November 2017.

### **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.

#### **Aerodrome operators (charted aerodromes only)**

- Fox heliport (Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters Ltd)
- Franz Josef aerodrome (Air Safaris and Services (NZ) Ltd)
- Glacier Country heliport
- Glentanner aerodrome (Glentanner Park Ltd)
- Greymouth aerodrome (Grey District Council)
- Haast aerodrome
- Hokitika aerodrome (Hokitika Airport Ltd)
- Karamea aerodrome (Karamea Airport (Inc))
- Lake Haupiri aerodrome (Air West Coast Ltd)
- Makarora aerodrome (Southern Alps Air Ltd)
- Mount Cook aerodrome (Aoraki Mount Cook Ltd)
- Murchison aerodrome
- Murchison Hospital heliport (Nelson-Marlborough District Health Board)
- Pukaki aerodrome (Pukaki Airport Board)
- Tekapo aerodrome (Air Safaris and Services (NZ) Ltd)
- Westport aerodrome (Westport Airport Authority)

#### **Operators, Organisations and User Groups**

Major operators, organisations and users have been identified as:

- Air New Zealand Group – includes Mount Cook and Air Nelson
- Air Safaris and Services (NZ) Ltd
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

- Airways Corporation of New Zealand
- Balloon Association of New Zealand
- Canterbury Airspace User Group
- Flying New Zealand
- Gliding New Zealand
- Golden Bay Air
- Hokitika Airspace User Group
- Model Flying New Zealand
- Mount Cook and Westland National Parks Resident Aircraft User Group
- Nelson Airspace User Group
- 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
- 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.htm](http://www.caa.govt.nz/airspace/airspace_review.htm)

Notifications will be sent to CAA email notification subscribers to Airspace Notifications – Briefing Areas 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

If the request involves a specific airspace change please provide this on CAA Form 24071/01 available on the CAA website. <http://www.caa.govt.nz/Forms/24071-01.doc>

The CAA will conduct a meeting in each region following the initial consultation to review proposals and discuss final amendments.

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 within the aviation industry that may be affected.

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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Aviation Infrastructure and Personnel  
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Reference – 2017 West Coast Airspace Review

Closing date for submissions is **Friday 5 September 2016**.

#### **5. Further information**

For further information contact:

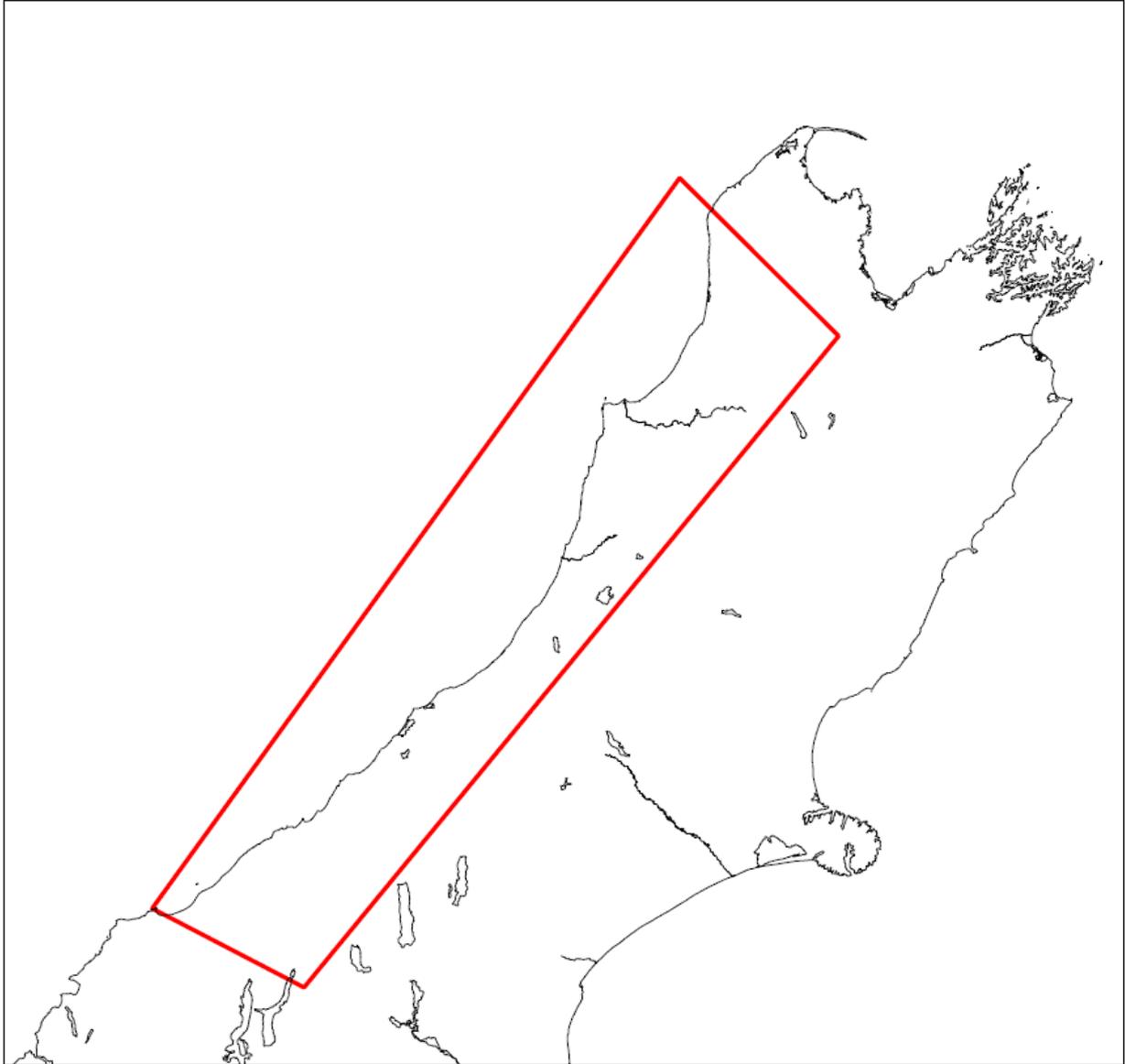
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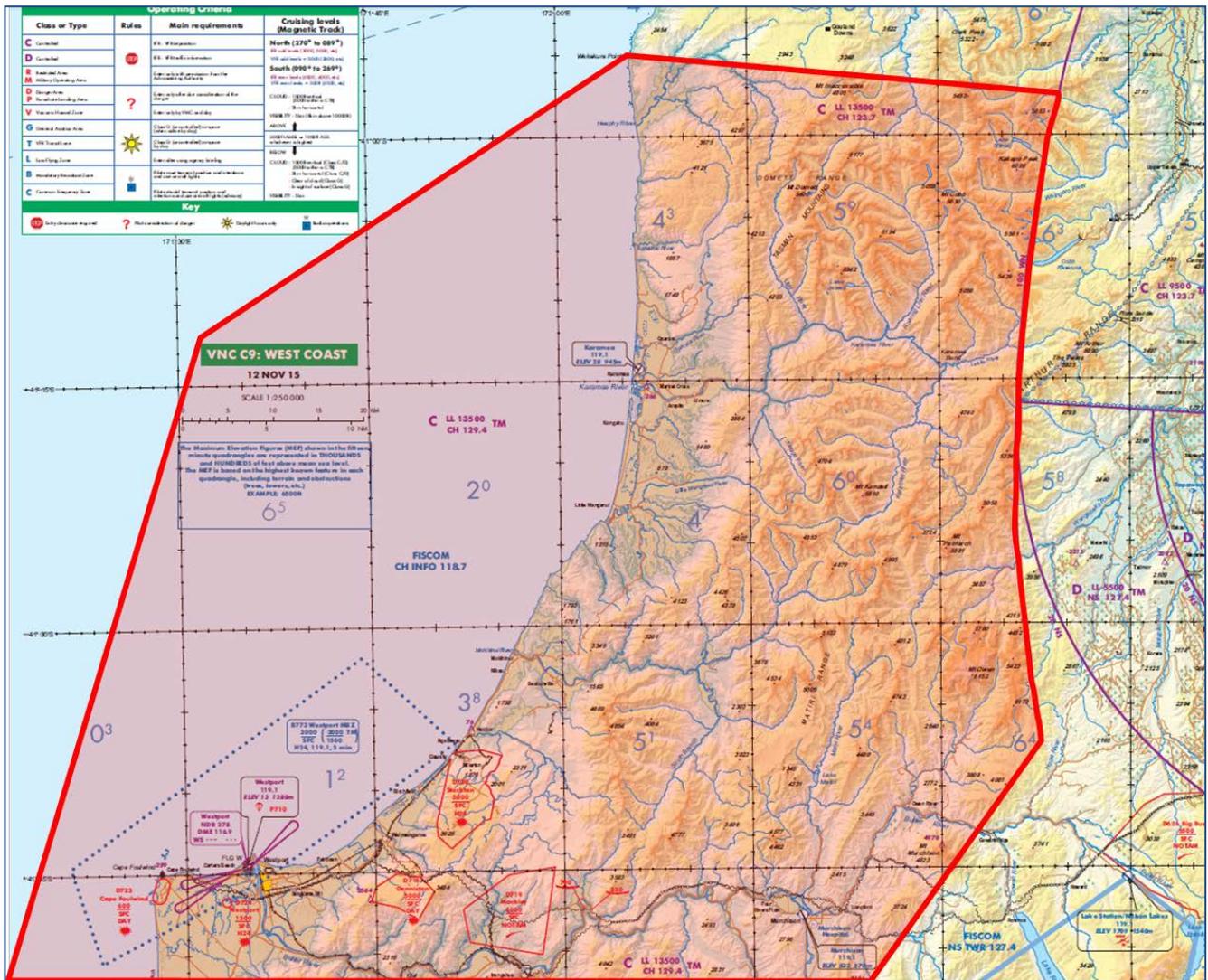
**Appendix A – West Coast, South Island, airspace review area – overview**



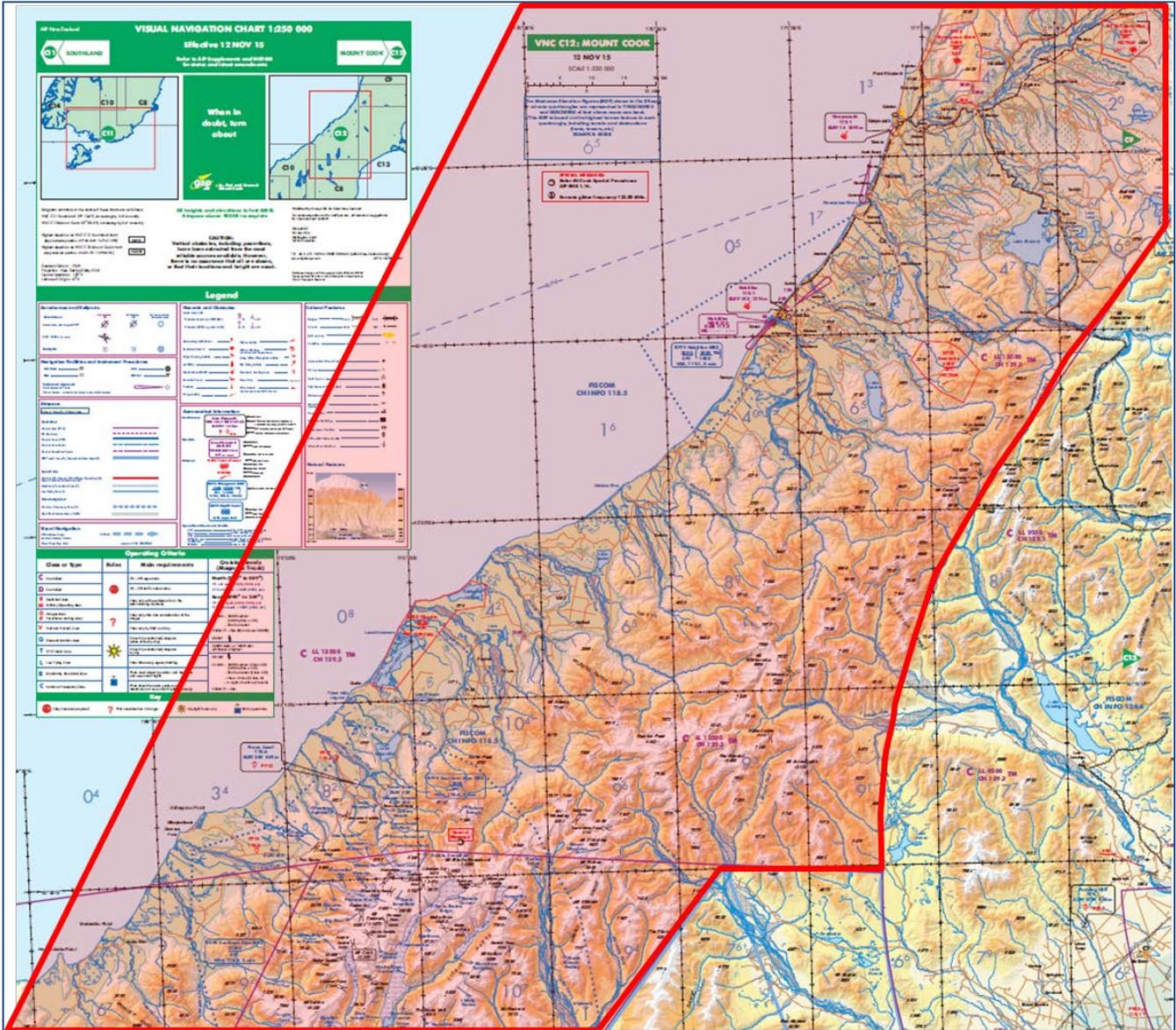
## Appendix B – West Coast review area – specific areas

(review area shaded in red)

### Section A – VNC C9 Wekakura Point to Westport



### Section B – VNC C12a between south of Westport and Franz Josef Glacier





### Section D – VNC C10 between Lake Ohau and Jackson Bay

