



Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS commonly known as Drones) use From or Over Council Controlled Land					
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Purpose

This policy aims to enable and promote the safe and efficient use of RPAS (drones) within and above Council controlled land parks.

Scope

- This policy is limited by, and subordinate to the requirements of CAANZ Rule Parts 101 and 102.
- Most of the parks and open spaces within the Blenheim and Picton area fall within controlled airspace or within 4km of an airfield so additional permission will be required from other agencies. These are:
 - (i) Woodbourne (Woodbourne Air Traffic Control)
 - (ii) Omaka Airfield (Marlborough Aero Club)
 - (iii) Picton Airfield (Sounds Air)
 - (iv) Marlborough Sounds Water (Marlborough District Council Harbour Master)
 - (v) Wairau Hospital (Nelson Marlborough District Health Board)
 - (vi) Over any Council controlled road (Marlborough Roads)
 - (vii) Over any Port Marlborough facility (Port Marlborough).

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, unless otherwise stated, the following definitions shall apply:

Term	Definition
RPAS	Remotely Piloted Aircraft System
Drone	Remotely Piloted Aircraft System

Statements

1. In general, with the exception of the listed areas in Statements 2, 3, 4 & 5, the operation of RPAS within Marlborough District Council owned and controlled land is permitted with the following requirements:
 - a. Operation must not be within 50 metres of children's playgrounds.
 - b. All flights must be conducted within 100 metres of, and below the height of trees or other structures (termed shielded operations). Permission may be sought from the relevant airspace controlling authority for flights above this height, via the [Airshare website, www.airshare.co.nz](http://www.airshare.co.nz)
 - c. All operations must be conducted in accordance with CAANZ Rule Part 101. The only exception to this is operators who are certified to CAANZ Rule Part 102, who must comply with the requirements of this rule.

- d. Flights must not be conducted over, or near persons who have not explicitly given their permission.
 - e. Booked events on Council Reserves take precedence.
 - i. Any RPAS operations associated with these events will still need participants' permission for overflight.
 - ii. Permission of the event organiser will be required.
 - f. The requirements of the Privacy Act 1993 must be observed.
 - g. The operator of the RPAS is responsible for any damage or claims caused by the operation of the RPAS.
 - h. All operations must be well clear of, and not cause any distress to any livestock on the land.
2. The following areas are designated as 'prohibited' for RPAS operations:
 - a. Taylor Riverbed south of New Renwick Road
 - b. All cemeteries
 - c. Low Flying Zones.
 3. The following areas have been designated as 'restricted' for RPAS operations and require special permission from Council Reserve Team:
 - a. Picton Foreshore
 - b. All areas within the Blenheim CBD
 - c. Wither Hills Farm Park.
 4. The following areas have been designated as 'restricted' for RPAS operations and require special permission from Marlborough Roads:
 - a. Over any Council controlled road.
 5. The following areas have been designated as 'restricted' for RPAS operations and require special permission from Port Marlborough:
 - a. Over any Port Marlborough facility.

Procedures

<https://go.promapp.com/marlboroughdc/Process/Minimode/Permalink/B14Wg1ohDnEADQK9B2PQOe>

Responsibilities

6. Any breach of the above policy may result in termination of permission to operate from or above Council controlled land, and may result in a report of non-compliance with relevant rules to CAANZ.

Questions

Contact MDC's Reserves Team on 03 5207400

References

Name	Location
CAANZ Rule Part 101	https://www.caa.govt.nz/rules/Rule_Consolidations/Part_101_Consolidation.pdf
CAANZ Rule Part 102	https://www.caa.govt.nz/rules/Rule_Consolidations/Part_102_Consolidation.pdf
Privacy Act 1993	http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1993/0028/229.0/DLM296639.html

Record of Amendments/Revisions

Details	Approval by whom	Date
Update to Council template	Manager Economic and Community Support Services	04/01/19
Minor change to include Marlborough Roads and Marlborough Port Facility in Scope as well as statements.	Manager Economic and Community Support Services	21/06/21