

MEDIA RELEASE

REMOTE PILOTED AIRCRAFT (RPA'S) OR 'DRONES'



Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) states that 'a person must not operate an unmanned aircraft in a way that creates a hazard to another aircraft, another person, or property'.

The Norfolk Island Airport Staff hold a Register that is used to monitor our drone operations.

If you have not registered your RPA or Drone please send an email or contact the following people:

 Karen Quintal – Acting Airport Operations Manager Mobile: 50125 / Email: karen.quintal@nirc.gov.nf

Operators and enthusiasts are encouraged to follow basic guidelines set down by CASA in order to enjoy their recreational activity safely. After you register with the Airport you will be asked to contact the Norfolk Island Airport on phone number 22445 with your intended drone operation/time, where you will be advised of any pending flight operations. This number will be answered 24 hours of the day.

RPAs may only be operated:

- In line of sight of the operator (pilot) in daylight;
- In visual meteorological conditions, not in thick smoke, cloud or fog;
- Below 400ft (121m) above ground level.

RPAs must not be operated:

- Within 30m of vehicles, boats, buildings or people not associated with the RPA's operation;
- In a prohibited or restricted area, for example: controlled airspace, flight paths, the Airport precinct;
- Over a populous area (such as beaches, backyards, parks or ovals);
- In the area of a public safety operation without the approval of a person in charge, including a car crash, police operations, a fire and associated firefighting efforts and search and rescue.

Be safety conscious and act responsibly, lives depend on your actions.

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