
**Proposed New Visual Reporting Point &
Withdrawal of Existing Visual Reporting Point
Whanganui Area
– airspace user consultation**

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Introduction

Proposal to Designate a New Visual Reporting Point and Withdraw One Existing Visual Reporting Point

Whanganui Airport have submitted an application to withdraw one existing Visual Reporting Point (VRP) and designate one additional VRP on visual navigation charts.

See Appendix A for a diagram of the proposed VRP, to be annotated TURAKINA RIVER MOUTH; also annotated is the WHANGAEHU RIVER MOUTH VRP which is proposed to be withdrawn.

The application noted the Whanganui River and Whangaehu River are in close proximity (7nm) and have very similar pronunciations. Some pilots still use the phrase 'River Mouth' to indicate that they are at the mouth of the Whanganui River; pilots also mispronounce 'Whangaehu' which can also create confusion regarding their actual location. Feedback is also that 'Turakina' is easier to pronounce than Whangaehu.

The proposed 'Turakina River Mouth' VRP is easily distinguishable as it borders the settlement of Koitiata and is visible at night because of lighting; 'Turakina River Mouth' VRP is located on the boundary of the Ohakea CTR D (NZA353), approximately .75NM south of the southernmost point of NZB375.

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 proposed VRP designation.

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[2023 airspace reviews | aviation.govt.nz](https://www.caa.govt.nz/2023-airspace-reviews)

Notifications will be sent to CAA email notification subscribers to Airspace Notifications – Briefing Areas 2 and 3.

If there are any further questions regarding the consultation process, please contact 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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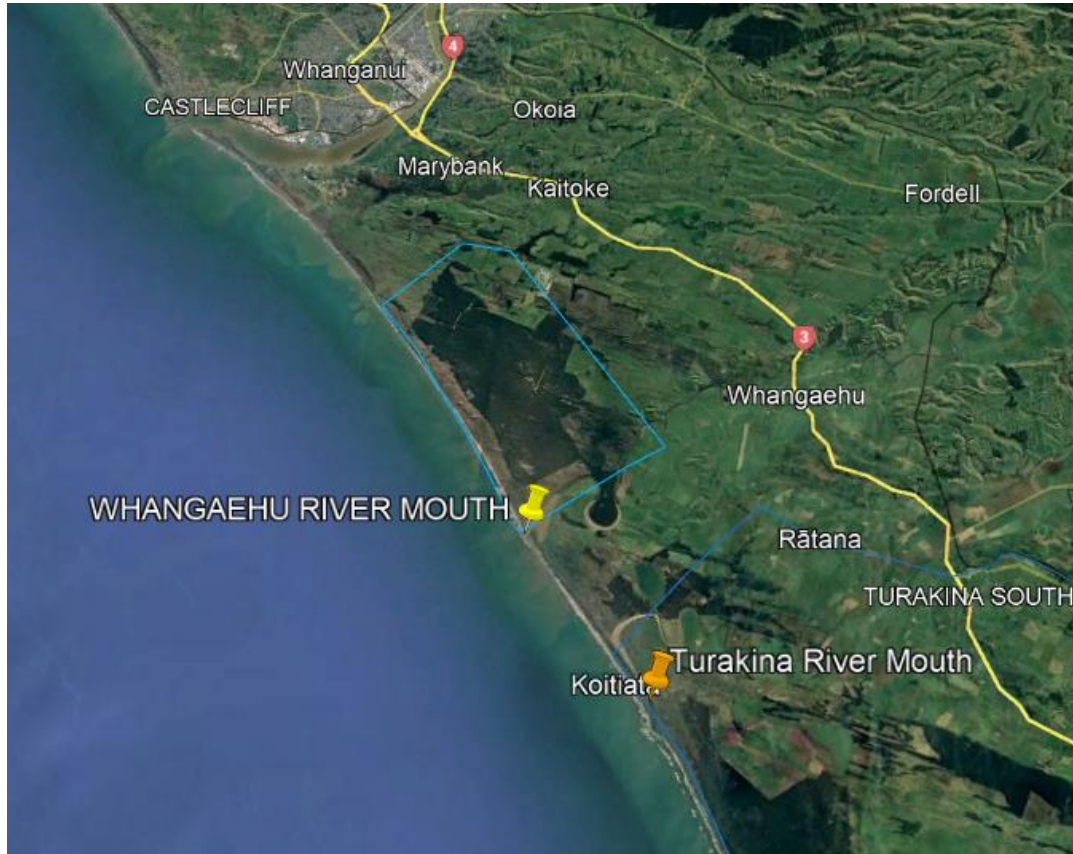
Closing date for submissions is **Friday 17th April 2023**.

Further information

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Appendix A – Proposed VRP Turakina River Mouth & withdrawal of VRP Whangaehu River Mouth



Remove existing VRP



Proposed VRP