



# Emerging Technologies Unit and Emerging Technologies Programme

Who we are, what we do, what the Programme is all about



#### Context

- New Zealand is a signatory to the Chicago Convention 1944
- ICAO oversees the Convention worldwide
- New Zealand is a member of ICAO
- MoT makes the Civil Aviation Rules (CARs)
- CAA is the <u>independent</u> Regulator of CARs and provides approvals









Civil Aviation Authority

## Strategic Aim of ETP

Act as a bridge between the CAA and our emerging technologies aerospace and aviation stakeholders, to provide the most effective ongoing regulatory interface possible, in order to enable the safe and effective integration of emerging technologies into the civil aviation system

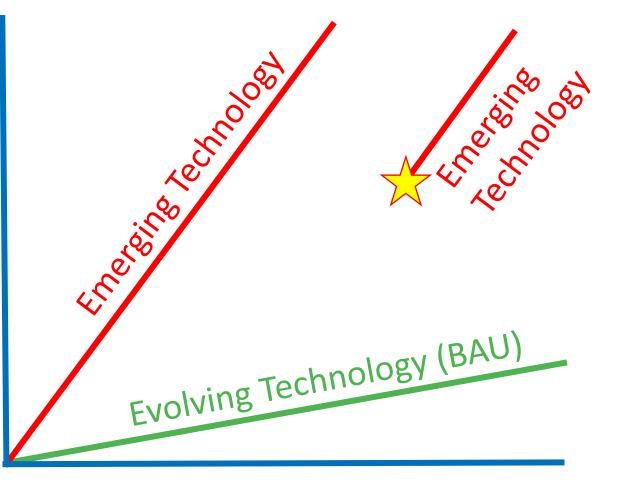
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#### What are Emerging Technologies v Expected Improvements?

Capability
Novelty
Complexity
Uncertainty



Time



## What is an Emerging Technology?

Any or all: Aircraft, Sub-systems, Use-case

- Hasn't been Certified or Approved before
- Is novel
- Is not routine
- NOT limited to UA





## **ETP within CAA**

#### **Governance**

**ETPSG** 

#### **Supporting**

- Engagement and Comms
- International and Regulatory Strategy (may be Output if rules development required)
- Legal
- Digital

#### **Outputs and SME**

- Operational Policy Practice and Guidance
- Security Regulation
- Cert (Organisations)
- Licensing and Standards
- Cert (Aircraft and Product)
- Aeronautical Services

**Coordinating** 

ETU

#### Outcome

Safe, secure and effective introduction of new technologies

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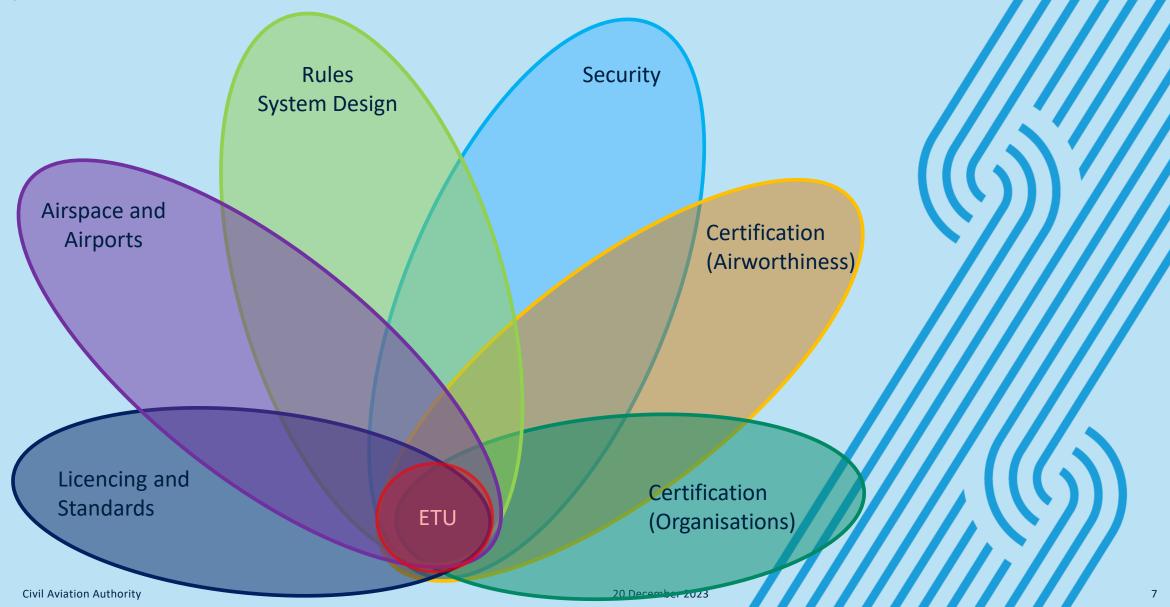
#### **Monitoring**

Monitoring and Inspection Unit





#### ETP - Another View





## ETU Ways of Working

- Collaborate with innovator (Pre-Decision-making)
- Project Manage complex applications
- If necessary, explore new processes

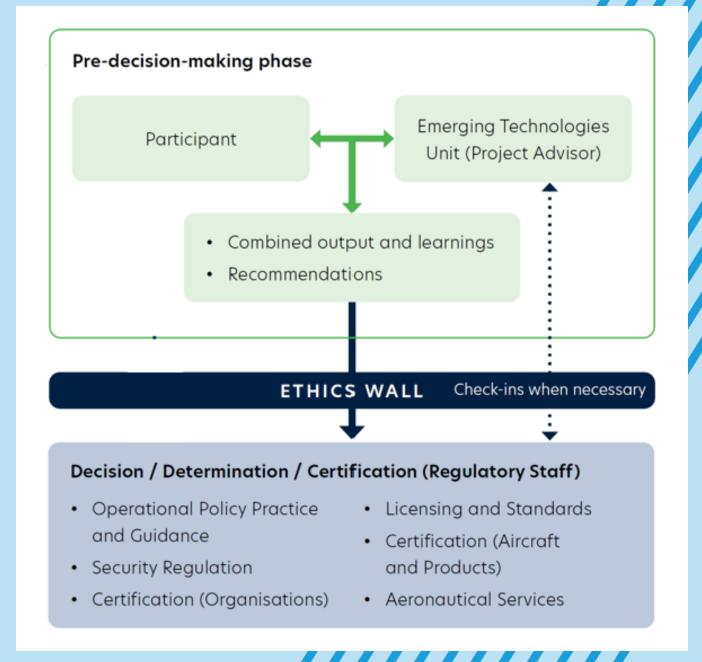
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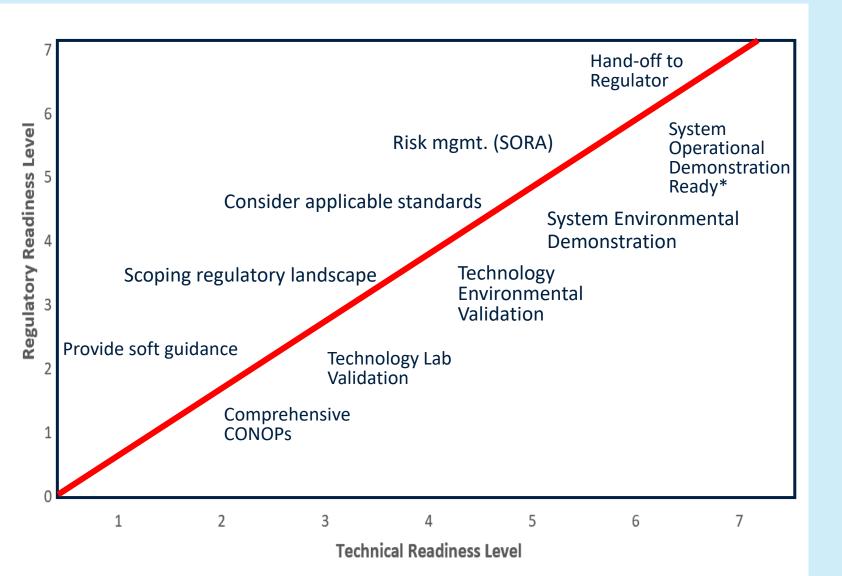


## New Collaborative Process with ETU

#### **Existing Decisionmaking Process**



#### **ETU Methodology**



- Start with a well-developed CONcept of OPerations
- Without this, neither we, or innovator, will know what the goal is
- Methodically test and validate, consider the regulatory impacts regulatory assessment approaches

New applicants: Use waiting time to review the proposal and bring it up to maturity

Existing participants: Look over the horizon at the next phase of development, not the one currently being assessed



#### Technologies Programme External Engagement

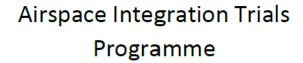
















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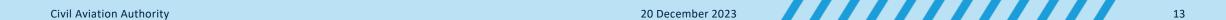
#### **ETU Team**

- Think of us as a 'Programme Team'
- Based on UK CAA Innovation Hub and elements of New Southern Sky Programme

Steve Smyth Director ETP (Strategic)

Scott Griffith Dep Director ETP (Operational and Team Lead)









### ETU Team

#### Allan Menard Proj Advr



Dan Broadhurst Proj Advr



Sophie Ray Proj Advr



Alex Chapman TEC





## Reduced & Zero Emissions Project (response to Air NZ)

- Commercial demonstrator by 2026
- 3 clean sheet designs, 1 retrofit
- Multiple parts of CAA
- Rules and policy on alternate fuel and powerplant
- Licensing, Type Acceptance, Infrastructure, Routes etc



#### Wisk Ph 2 Flight Trials

- Integration of UA in controlled airspace
- Stepping-stone to self flying air taxis



No separation standards for non IFR or VFR in controlled airspace

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- Integration of UA in controlled airspace

- How to integrate using current rules?
- IFR equivalency for a bounded trial
- Must bring Airways along with the journey





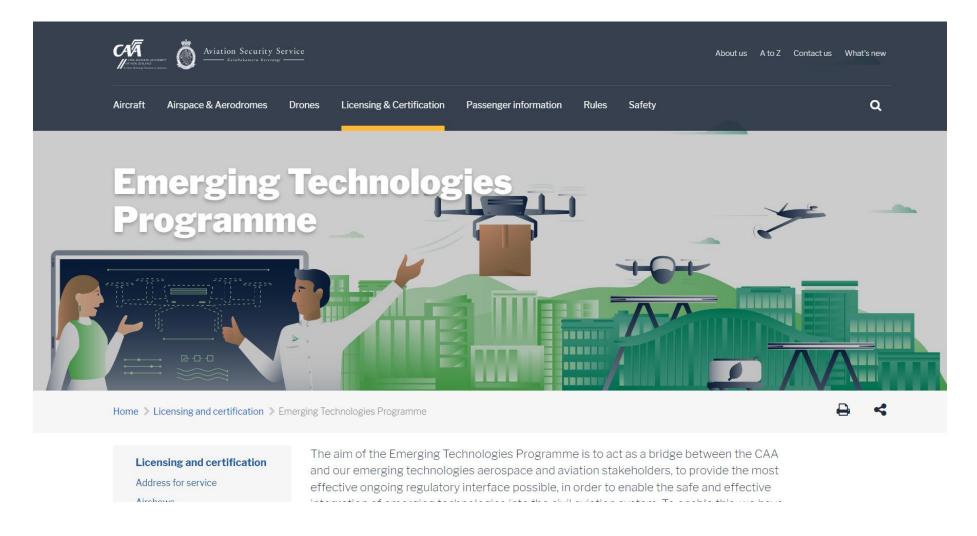
## Aquila – remote charging of aircraft with IR lasers

- Lab-proven technology
- Ready to move into field testing
- Begin with UA, move to passenger aircraft in due course
- Constellation 'Starlink' for electricity

#### Contact







Emerging Technologies Programme | aviation.govt.nz





#### Contact, Comms, Engagement

- ETP contact form on CAA website
  - Emerging Technologies Programme | aviation.govt.nz
- Will be developed further for pro-active comms to avoid regular negative press
- Expect additional pro-active comms (unusual for CAA)



## Questions

