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Background

Jet operators have provided feedback to Airways New Zealand that on arrival to Dunedin aerodrome current controlled airspace levels are not assuring airspace containment on the descent profile for some arrival instrument flight procedures. This has resulted in the risk of non-containment for regular passenger transport aircraft, increased pilot workload or an unstable descent profile.

Airways' proposal

Airways have requested a new control area (CTA) with a lower limit of 6500 ft, down from 9500 ft, between 20NM and 35NM north of Swampy VOR.

The proposed CTA will allow aircraft to descend to 7000 ft while remaining within controlled airspace. Current instrument flight procedure Standard Arrivals (STAR) do not currently provide controlled airspace containment, with the proposal to retain the current STAR and apply altitude constraints as required by Aeropath.

The proposed CTA is shown in figure 1 and 2 below.



Figure 1 – NZA9XX VNC overlay – Proposed Lower level 6500 ft

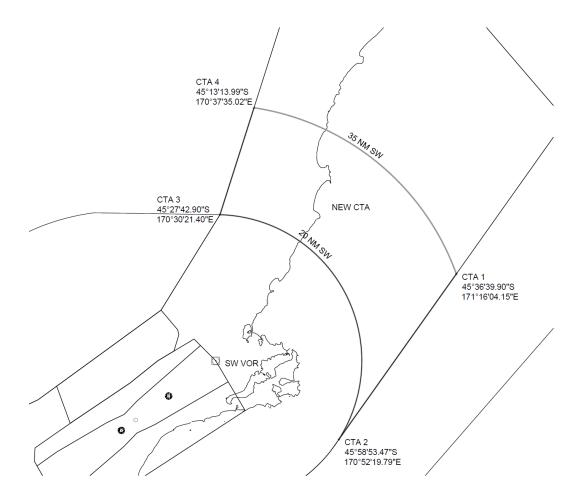


Figure 2 – NZA9XX coordinates.

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):

- Ashburton aerodrome
- Christchurch aerodrome
- Dunedin aerodrome
- Dunedin hospital heliport
- Invercargill aerodromes
- Oamaru aerodrome
- Ranfuly medical centre heliport

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- Rangitata Island aerodrome
- Taieri aerodrome
- Timaru aerodrome
- Waimate aerodrome

Operators, Organisations and User Groups

- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Air New Zealand
- Balloon Aviation Association
- Canterbury airspace user group
- Flying New Zealand
- Gliding New Zealand
- Jetstar
- Mid Canterbury aeroclub
- Mainland Air
- New Zealand Airline Academy (Oamaru)
- New Zealand Aviation Federation
- New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association
- New Zealand Helicopter Association
- New Zealand Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association
- North Otago aeroclub
- Recreational Aircraft Association of New Zealand
- Royal New Zealand Air Force
- South Canterbury aeroclub
- 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/

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

If there are any further questions regarding the review process, please contact Hamish McKoy – contact details below.

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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Closing date for submissions is Friday 3rd May 2024.

Further information

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