

Criteria for assessing applications to operate model aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles from reserves.

Note: This form is for assessing applications in accordance with Council's model aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles policy (contained within the [General Policies Reserve Management Plan](#)).

Overview

Council's policy prohibits the use of model aircraft and UAV (unless specifically allowed for in Reserve Management Plans) due to the potential negative effects on neighbours and other park users (e.g. noise, privacy, potential for injury). In certain circumstances exemptions may be granted when requests are made in writing.

As of 1st August 2015, [CAA rule 101](#) requires operators to get consent from the property owners and other users prior to operating. This rule applies to Council reserves.

Written applications

Applicants must provide the following information when making an application:

- Proposed site
- Proposed date/s and time/s (Note: applications for more than 6 days consecutively at any time will not be granted)
- Reason for request (e.g. recreation, commercial, private or sporting event)
- Outline what alternative (non-reserve) sites have been investigated, and why they aren't suitable
- What consideration has been given to safety and other users/neighbouring properties?

Cases where Council will consider exemptions to the policy:

- When it is requested for wedding photography or sporting events - In these instances please complete your request using Council's ['Reserve Event Application Form'](#).
- When it is proposed at a remote location away from residential properties
- When the proposed time period of operation is considered minor
- When an existing usage arrangement has existed at a particular site

Reserves which are not considered suitable for use:

- The Point
- Kopua Domain
- All Cemeteries and Pa Sites

In addition, applications to operate at reserves in close proximity to residential properties are unlikely to be granted.

Fees

The policy states that a fee may be charged when exemptions are granted. A fee may be applied as per below:

- Non-commercial users: No fee
- Commercial users: In accordance with Council's Fees and Charges Schedule

Consent of other reserve users

If approval is granted, the operator will still be required to obtain consent from other reserve users and neighbours (if applicable) in accordance with CAA rules.

Please submit your application at least 21 days prior to your proposed usage date/s. Applications will be considered in accordance with the policy and the above criteria by Council staff.