
**Request to extend NZM301 Moawhango
Military Operating Area
Airspace user consultation**

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Introduction

NZM301 Moawhango is a portion of airspace to the west of Waiouru designated to segregate intensive military operations, including live firing, from other traffic.

Following a review of the operations within the existing airspace, the NZ Army has submitted an application requesting a small extension to the south west of the current NZM301 area to encompass new explosive store houses.

Proposed amendment

The upper limit of the proposed extension MOA would be the same as NZM301 - 13000 ft AMSL.

The proposed MOA extension is shown below by the green line in the diagram in Figure 1.

Possible effect to IFR aircraft

There would be no effect to IFR aircraft as the proposed extension to NZM301 would be outside controlled airspace, and therefore clear of IFR flight paths and procedures.

Possible effect to VFR aircraft

The effect on VFR aircraft should be minimal.

The airspace extension is at the southern end of the Desert Road VFR corridor, so transiting traffic would be constrained slightly when tracking via visual reference within this area. The proposed extension remains to the east of SH1 as the main visual feature in the area for VFR pilots.

The main change for pilots is that aircraft would now be required to remain clear of the additional airspace area unless authorisation has been received from the administering authority to operate within the proposed MOA.

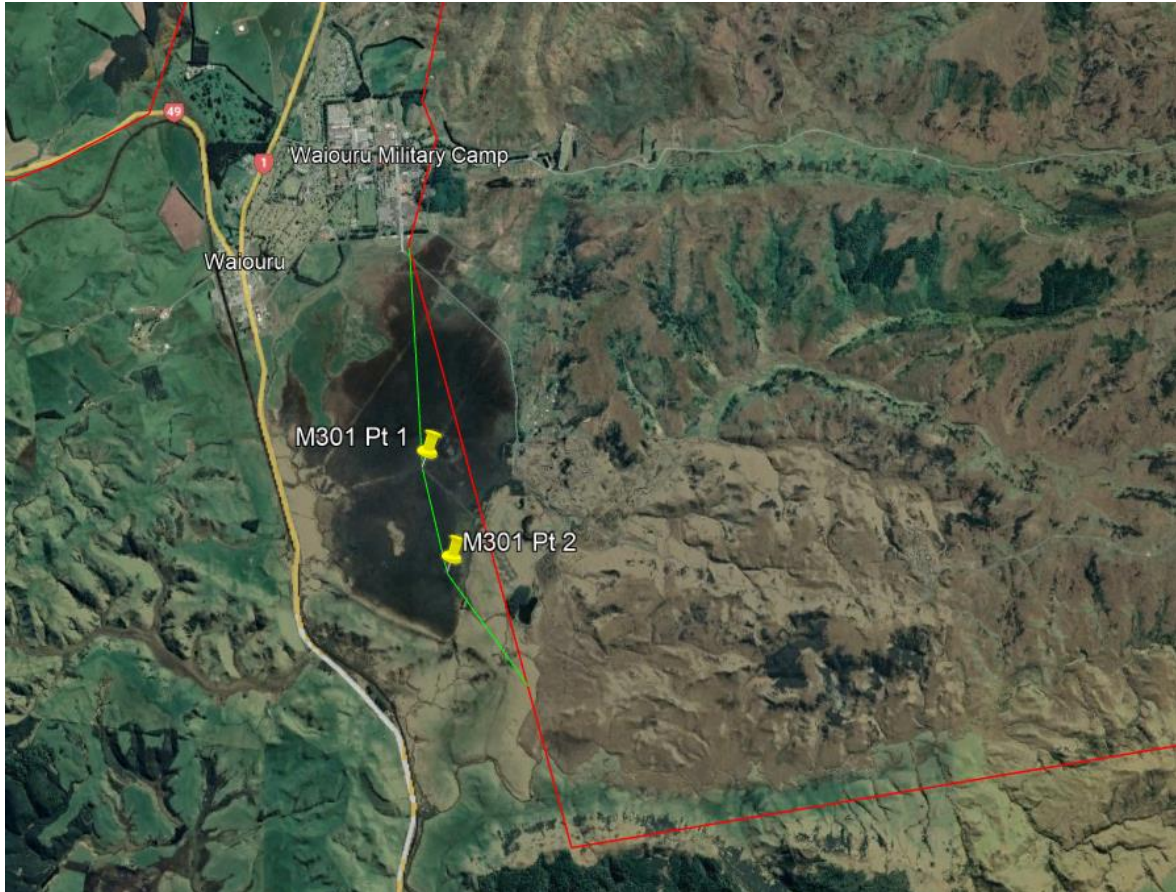


Figure 1 – Proposed NZM301 Extension

Consultation

Prior to designating airspace, Civil Aviation Rule 71.9 requires the Director to consult 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 airspace change.

At this stage it is not intended that CAA will hold an airspace consultation meeting unless this is specifically requested by users.

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 consideration and comment.

Aerodrome operators (charted aerodromes only)

- Taihape aerodrome – J K and L M Holdings Ltd
- Turangi aerodrome – Taupo Airport Authority
- Kowhai aerodrome – M B Worsnop
- Whanganui aerodrome – Whanganui District Council

- Whanganui Hospital Heliport – Whanganui Hospital
- Ohakea aerodrome – RNZAF Base Ohakea
- Palmerston North aerodrome – Palmerston North Airport Ltd

Operators, Organisations and User Groups

- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Airways Corporation of New Zealand
- Balloon Association of New Zealand
- Gliding New Zealand
- Manawatu Airspace User Group
- Massey School of Aviation
- Model Flying New Zealand
- New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association
- New Zealand Aviation Federation
- New Zealand Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association
- New Zealand Helicopter Association
- New Zealand International Commercial Pilot Academy
- New Zealand Parachute Federation
- New Zealand Parachute Organisation
- Recreational Aircraft Association of New Zealand
- Sport Aircraft Association New Zealand
- Sport Aviation Corp

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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, addressed to:

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Closing date for submissions to this proposal is **Wednesday 27 October 2021**

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