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## HOW TO REGISTER AND SAFELY OPERATE YOUR DRONE

With the Christmas holidays upon us, we are beginning to see an increase in the use of private drones. Drones are a great way to capture beautiful videos and photos of Norfolk Island from above, however, Operators must keep in mind that there are certain rules that must be followed whilst operating a drone.

General drone rules:

- Do not fly your drone over crowds of people
- Respect other people's privacy when flying your drone
- Do not fly your drone near the airport or in areas where aircraft are operating
- Fly during daylight hours and only fly in good weather conditions

The 'Civil Aviation Safety Regulation (CASR) 101 – Unmanned Aircraft and Rockets' is the guiding instrument for the operation of drones in Australia, stating:

*A person must not operate an unmanned aircraft in a way that creates a hazard to another aircraft, another person, or property.*

It is critical that a drone is never flown in the flight path of an aircraft and due to the small size of Norfolk, this means that drones cannot be operated at all when a plane is due to arrive or depart, including a medivac or unscheduled flight. To ensure all rules are followed and that safety remains the number one priority, please make sure you register your drone and advise the Airport Manager the days and times you are planning to fly your drone.

### **How to register your drone**

To register your drone with Council, please email or phone:

Michael Castrisos, Airport Manager  
M: 53339, E: [michael.castrisos@nirc.gov.nf](mailto:michael.castrisos@nirc.gov.nf)

Karen Quintal, Deputy Airport Manager  
M: 50125, E: [Karen.quintal@nirc.gov.nf](mailto:Karen.quintal@nirc.gov.nf)

You will be asked to provide the best contact number for yourself so that if there is an unscheduled flight when you're planning to fly your drone, you will be made aware. An up to date flight schedule will also be provided upon registration.

Lotta Jackson  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

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