

DRONE/UAV/RPA OPERATIONS POLICY

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1. Scope

This Policy covers all use of Drones, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) (referred to as drones) within the Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Resort.

2. Objective

To establish a clear and consistent approach to the issuing of flight permits for drones based on Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) guidelines.

3. Policy

3.1 Eligibility

The recreational, civil and hobby use of drones is prohibited within the Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Resort. Permission will NOT be granted under any circumstances.

Commercial use of drones is allowed within the Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Resort with a permit. Remote pilot licence (RePL) holders are eligible to apply for single flight permits. Remotely piloted aircraft operator certificate (ReOC) holders are eligible for an Annual Permit for Mt Buller only and/or single flight permits. Once approved, Annual Permit holders are permitted to operate at any time within Mt Buller in the calendar year, subject to compliance with the flight notification process.

Permits will NOT be granted without confirmation of licence or certificate credentials.

3.2 Drone Flight Application Process

To request a Permit, applicants must:

- Submit a completed Application Form. The Application Form is available at <https://www.mtbuller.com.au/Winter/resort-info/resort-management/drone-policy>
- Provide evidence of an appropriate CASA licence and/or certification
- Provide Certificate of Currency for at least \$20 million of Public and Products Liability Insurance

The provision of the required documentation does not guarantee a permit being granted. The RMB's service commitment is to process the first application each year within 14 days and subsequent applications within 3 days.

3.3 Drone Flight Rules

Permit holders must comply with *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998* and CASA Instrument 96/17 and relevant guidelines and industry best practice standards. CASA requirements are outlined at: www.casa.gov.au

Designated and emergency helicopter landing pads must be respected.

Permit holders must carry their approved permit when operating a drone and show the permit to any RMB or Buller Ski Lift staff member upon request.

Flights are banned on Total Fire Ban days.

3.2 Enforcement

Operators that breach this Policy or any Permit condition will be required to immediately cease flight operations.

Operators that breach this Policy or any Permit condition may receive an official warning or a fine under the *Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations 2009*, Regulation 18 and/or have their Annual Permit terminated. The RMB will keep a record of all official warnings or enforcement action and take this into account when considering future permit applications.

The RMB will report all breaches of this Policy and any Permit conditions to CASA. CASA may issue penalties and infringement notifications.

4. Roles/Responsibilities

- The Manager, Property and Contracts is responsible for approving permit applications.
- The Manager, Property and Contracts is responsible for the annual review of this Policy in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- The General Manager of BSL or the Ski Patrol Manager are responsible for approving permit applications within the Ski Field Lease boundary.

5. Other References and Related Documents

- Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (Part 101) - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017C00742>
- CASA Instrument 96/17 - <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L01370>
- CASA - <https://www.casa.gov.au/aircraft/landing-page/flying-drones-australia>
- Australian Certified UAV Operators - <https://www.acuo.org.au/>
- Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations 2009
- Alpine Resorts (Management) Act 1997
- Drone Flight Application Form - <https://www.mtbuller.com.au/Winter/resort-info/resort-management/drone-policy>
- CASA Authorised ReOC Holders - <https://www.casa.gov.au/rpa-operator-certificate-holders>

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