



PITTWATER COUNCIL

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TITLE:	HELICOPTER LANDINGS ON COUNCIL OWNED AND CONTROLLED PROPERTY
STRATEGY:	RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT
BUSINESS UNIT:	RESERVES, RECREATION & BUILDING SERVICES
RELEVANT LEGISLATION:	CIVIL AVIATION ACT & REGULATIONS CIVIL AVIATION & SAFETY AUTHORITY (CASA)
RELATED POLICIES:	NONE

Objective

1. To reduce the environmental impacts including but not limited to excessive noise, and interference with public and private rights of peaceful enjoyment, the excessive dust created by the down draft and the impact on native flora and fauna in the area, and minimise the public risks associated with helicopters that land on or conduct civil operations on or over any property in the Pittwater local government area.
2. To define the circumstances or conditions by which an individual or organisation may land a helicopter or use a helicopter to undertake civil operations in the Pittwater local government area.

Policy Statement

1. With the exception of a rescue or emergency operation, or uses related to the use of a reserve (including filming operations) Council will not generally consent to the landing of helicopters nor the use of helicopters to conduct civil operations (including sling load operations and winching and rappelling operations) within the boundaries of the Pittwater local government area.
2. That under this policy the General Manager (or the General Manager's nominee) be given delegated authority to determine all applications for civil operations involving the use of a helicopter on or over property in the Pittwater local government area.
3. Council will not consent to sling load operations or winching or rappelling operations that involve the helicopter flying over a city, town or populous area.

4.
 - (a) The applicant must obtain a permit, where required, from the Civil Aviation and Safety Authority (CASA) and complies with all requirements of the relevant Civil Aviation Orders made pursuant to the Civil Aviation Regulations.
 - (b) Prior to undertaking the operation, the pilot in command of the helicopter or the company conducting the helicopter operation shall furnish a written undertaking to indemnify and compensate Council for any damage or injury caused in the course of the operation.
 - (c) Any approval given shall be limited to the specific helicopter landing site(s) and flight paths nominated by the operator, shall apply only to the subject application and shall remain valid for a period not exceeding 28 days from the date of issue.
5. In the event that Council does approve a civil operation involving the use of a helicopter, the applicant must:
 - (a) Provide Council with a copy of the approval from the Civil Aviation and Safety Authority (CASA) and the NSW Police Service at least 2 weeks prior to the proposed operation.
 - (b) Provide Council with a copy of the helicopter company's public liability insurance, with a minimum cover of \$20 million and noting the interests of Pittwater Council.
 - (c) Letterbox drop all residents likely to be affected by the operation at least 2 weeks prior to the event, advising them of the date, commencement time, duration and likely impacts of the proposed operation.