

# DRONE USE AROUND AERODROMES POLICY

## SCOPE

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This policy provides information about the use of drones around Council aerodromes.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safe operation of aircraft at and around Council aerodromes, as well as the safety of persons and property in the surrounding areas.

## LEGISLATION

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Civil Aviation Safety Regulations Part 101

## OBJECTIVE

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Enhance the safe operations of aircraft at and around Council aerodromes.

Enhance the safety of persons and property in the areas surrounding Council aerodromes against aircraft related incidents.

Minimise risk of drone related incidents around Council aerodromes.

Make CASA's drone rules and regulations accessible and understandable to the public.

## DEFINITIONS

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CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
Council	Banana Shire Council
Drone	Unmanned, remotely piloted aircraft (RPA, UAV)
RPA	Remotely piloted aircraft
UAV	Unmanned aerial vehicle

## POLICY

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CASA is the regulating body for drone use in Australia. All rules and regulations relating to drone operations are governed by CASA.

Council has six (6) non-controlled aerodromes which the region relies on for commercial flights, charter flights, freight and emergencies. Unsafe drone operation around our aerodromes will compromise the safety of the aircraft and people utilising these facilities.

Under CASA's regulations, drones may operate within 5.5 km of a non-controlled aerodrome or helicopter landing site only if:

- there are no manned aircraft (one or more people inside) flying to or from the aerodrome
- the drone lands as soon as safely possible if the drone operator sees any manned aircraft flying to or from the aerodrome
- the drone and operator stays outside the aerodrome boundary
- the drone does not operate in approach or departure paths

### **Governance**

This policy should be read in conjunction with any related legislation, regulations, CASA Advisory Circulars, local laws, policies, procedures and guidelines.

### **Related External References**

Civil Aviation Safety Authority - Drones  
<https://www.casa.gov.au/drones>

### **PROCEDURE**

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Procedures as approved and issued by the Chief Executive Officer, and subject to further revision, amendment and issue under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer.

### **CERTIFICATION**

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL**



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