

Drone use on Tūpuna Maunga

Decision Guidelines

1. Taking into account the Values set out in the Tūpuna Maunga Authority's Integrated Management Plan, the Filming and Events Committee will consider drone permits on a case by case basis and may apply, with any necessary amendment, the guideline conditions in this policy.
2. All drone use remains prohibited except as approved through the Committee in the following circumstances:
 - a. For filming approved and other events, for example filming of weddings and other whānau events or public events such as fun runs or hikoī;
 - b. Tūpuna Maunga research, for example matauranga Māori and scientific research; and
 - c. Operational activities, for example activities carried out by management, or by contractors, as part of the administration and management of the maunga.

Guideline Conditions for drone use permits on Tūpuna Maunga

1. You must be able to see the drone with your own eyes (eg, not through binoculars, a monitor, or smartphone)
2. At all times take all practicable steps to minimize hazards to persons, property and other aircraft (i.e. don't do anything hazardous)
3. Fly drone only in daylight
4. Drone must not exceed 25 kg, and must always be safe to operate
5. Have written consent from any people you want to fly drone above
6. Do not fly the drone higher than 100m (about 328 feet) above ground level
7. Give way to all crewed craft
8. Designate a take-off and landing area at least 20m away from any buildings, equipment or people
9. No flying over any buildings on the tūpuna maunga
10. The operator must be experienced and dedicated to operation during flight
11. Comply with all instructions from any staff from the Tūpuna Maunga Authority while operating within any tūpuna maunga area
12. Do not fly drone within tūpuna maunga craters
13. Do not fly drone within 100m of the boundary of the any tūpuna maunga land
14. Film inward from tūpuna maunga boundaries to avoid privacy issues
15. Focus on activities and people rather than specifically on the tūpuna maunga landscape
16. In cases of film footage taken for scientific purposes, destroy footage within a specified period and supply footage to Tūpuna Maunga Authority
17. Comply in all respects with any Civil Aviation rules and hold any required certifications under the Civil Aviation rules.