

Unmanned Aircraft and Recording Devices Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to clarify the expectations around the use of recording devices and unmanned aircraft (drones) across the MHV scheme and to ensure the privacy rights of property owners and the community, while enabling the effective and efficient operation of the MHV scheme via aerial or on ground photography.

2. Scope

This policy applies to employees and Board of MHV Water, and contractors undertaking works on behalf of MHV.

3. Policy Details

1. The operation of unmanned aircraft and recording devices will at all times, be in adherence with Civil Aviation Authority rules and Ashburton District Council rules.
www.aviation.govt.nz/drones/
www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/ashburton-district/unmanned-aircraft
2. MHV retains the right to fly unmanned aircraft over easements to film, photograph and monitor infrastructure.
3. Any flight or recording over private property, where an MHV easement is not held, will require landowner consent.
4. Satellite imagery may be used by MHV to identify historic or current land use. The imagery may be used to confirm land use, irrigation type, biodiversity plantings and other on farm practices as required as part of your Farm Environment Plan.
5. Landowners may be approached for permission to record persons or property by land based or aerial means for communications or promotional purposes or special interest.
6. Aerial and on-ground photography of properties/persons may be taken from road sides and easements for MHV branding purposes, however all endeavours will be made to ensure anonymity, or where anonymity cannot be assured, permission will be requested to use the imagery.
7. Nothing in this policy shall affect or limit MHV's rights of access to a shareholder's property, as contained in the Terms of Water Supply for effective operational management of the scheme.

4. Review and Sign Off

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5. Related Documents

- Easement Policy – defines expectations around Easement access.