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Memorandum of Understanding

BETWEEN

Airways Corporation of New Zealand Limited

AND

New Zealand Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association Incorporated

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING dated 1 October 2026

PARTIES

1. Airways Corporation of New Zealand Limited, Area Sector, Level 2, 6 Leonard Isitt Drive, Auckland, 2022, New Zealand with company number 331446
   ("Airways")

2. New Zealand Hang Gliding & Paragliding Association, 6916 State Highway 27, Rd 1, Waharoa, 3474, New Zealand, with incorporated societies number 224132
   ("NZHGPA")

OBJECTIVES

A. Airways provides air traffic management services in New Zealand, including control services provided by the Area Sector in airspace over the South Island.

B. NZHGPA is the representative body for hang gliding and paragliding in NZ.

C. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is to:
Establish procedures between NZHGPA and Airways to enable the use of new temporary GAAs (G850, G851, and G854) over the Marlborough mountains by NZHGPA.

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TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

1. STATUS OF MOU

1.1 The parties acknowledge that this MOU:

(a) shall be legally binding on the parties in all respects; and

(b) replaces any previous agreement or understanding between the parties with regard to its subject matter.

1.2 The parties agree to act in good faith in implementing and complying with the agreed procedures under this MOU.

2. TERM, REVIEW, AND TERMINATION

2.1 This MOU shall commence on the date that it is executed by the parties until 30 April 2027 or terminated by either party under paragraph 2.2 or 2.3.

2.2 Airways reserves the right to suspend this MOU at any time and without notice, as a result of safety concerns arising from these procedures. Following suspension, the parties may mutually agree the management of safety concerns allowing for a reinstatement of this MOU. Should the parties be unable to agree on the management of the safety concerns, Airways reserves the right to terminate this MOU at any time and without notice.

2.3 Either party may terminate this MOU at any time by giving the other party one (1) months' written notice.

3. REVISIONS

3.1 This MOU may be revised by written agreement between the parties at any time.

4. AIRWAYS STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

4.1 Airways Standard Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Airways' Services apply (as applicable, including but not limited to limitation and exclusion of liability) to the services provided by Airways to NZHGPA under this MOU. The Airways current Standard Terms and Conditions are available on the Airways website.

5. REGULATORY PROCEDURES

5.1 This MOU does not absolve NZHGPA from carrying out their responsibilities under the Civil Aviation Rules ("CAR") or from obtaining any approvals or exemptions from the Director of Civil Aviation. Where there is a conflict between this MOU and the CAR or directions from the Director of Civil Aviation, the directions from the Director or the CAR will take priority.

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6. PROCEDURES

6.1 The procedures and airspace defined in this MOU shall be used by Airways and NZHGPA (including participants in NZHGPA gliding contests) with regards to:

(a) event planning

(b) Special Use Airspace

(c) General Aviation Areas ("GAA")

(d) activation procedures

(e) RTF/operating procedures.

6.2 NZHGPA shall ensure that all members and participants read and understand the relevant content of this MOU.

7. GAA DESIGNATION AND AIRSPACE

7.1 Temporary Designation of three GAAs

(a) Temporary GAAs:

i. **NZG850** Spenser Mountains

ii. **NZG851** Molesworth

iii. **NZG854** Branch River

(b) These Temporary GAAs have been prescribed pursuant to Civil Aviation Rules, Part 71 *Designation and Classification of Airspace*, effective from Thursday, 1 October 2026 NZDT to Thursday, 30 April 2027 NZST.

7.2 NZG 850 Spenser Mountains, Tasman

(a) All that airspace bounded by a line joining:

i. S 41 53 06.69, E 172 45 03.41;

ii. S 42 33 29.86, E 172 37 13.41;

iii. S 42 38 20.13, E 172 13 19.47;

iv. S 42 12 13.53, E 172 05 10.38;

v. S 42 00 31.44, E 172 16 11.43;

vi. S 41 50 06.05, E 172 32 10.49;

vii. S 41 51 22.75, E 172 33 33.39;

viii. S 41 54 13.02, E 172 44 13.94;

ix. S 41 53 06.69, E 172 45 03.41.

a) Upper limit: 11,500 ft AMSL

b) Lower limit: 9,500 ft AMSL

c) Active: Daylight hours with ATC approval (KAI Area Sector)

d) 1 October 2026 NZDT to 30 April 2027 NZST)

7.3 NZG 851 Molesworth

(a) All that airspace bounded by a line joining:

i. S 42 33 29.86, E 172 37 13.41;
ii. S 41 53 06.69, E 172 45 03.41;
iii. S 41 52 39.04, E 172 45 24.03;
iv. S 41 52 55.65, E 172 47 58.73;
v. S 41 49 19.42, E 172 49 17.38;
vi. S 41 47 51.47, E 172 50 05.64;
vii. S 41 45 37.39, E 172 51 19.20;
viii. S 41 43 58.02, E 172 52 58.45;
ix. S 41 42 54.17, E 172 53 34.81;
x. S 41 44 22.12, E 172 59 14.03;
xi. S 41 47 30.88, E 172 59 20.24;
xii. S 41 52 33.34, E 172 56 17.49;
xiii. S 41 58 29.85, E 172 54 59.71;
xiv. S 41 59 55.32, E 173 08 17.42;
xv. S 41 54 12.21, E 173 13 09.84;
xvi. S 41 45 09.59, E 173 15 41.55;
xvii. S 41 45 29.50, E 173 26 15.80; the arc of a circle of 3 NM radius centred on
xviii. S 41 59 45.12, E 173 39 46.00 (Tapuae-O-Uenuku) from
xix. S 41 45 29.50, E 173 26 15.80 counterclockwise to
xx. S 41 57 14.07, E 173 37 34.61; a line joining
xxi. S 41 57 14.07, E 173 37 34.61;
xxii. S 42 02 28.31, E 173 38 03.91;
xxiii. S 42 24 50.25, E 173 20 00.41;
xxiv. S 42 33 29.86, E 172 37 13.41.

a) Upper limit: 12,500 ft AMSL
b) Lower limit: 9,500 ft AMSL
c) Active: Daylight hours with ATC approval (KAI Area Sector)
d) 1 October NZDT to 30 April 2027 NZST.

7.4 NZG 854 Branch

(a) All that airspace bounded by a line joining:

i. S 41 47 56.94, E 172 59 04.52;
ii. S 41 48 58.20, E 173 08 36.44;
iii. S 41 44 56.13, E 173 08 49.13;
iv. S 41 45 09.59, E 173 15 41.55;
v. S 41 54 12.21, E 173 13 09.84;
vi. S 41 59 55.32, E 173 08 17.42;
vii. S 41 58 29.85, E 172 54 59.71;
viii. S 41 52 33.34, E 172 56 17.49;
ix. S 41 47 56.94, E 172 59 04.52

a) Upper limit: 10,500 ft AMSL

b) Lower limit: 9,500 ft AMSL

c) Active: Daylight hours with ATC approval (KAI Area Sector)

d) 1 October 2026 NZDT to 30 April 2027 NZST

7.5 Temporary GAAs covered by this MOU are indicated below:

Designator	Name	Lower limit (ft AMSL)	Upper limit (ft AMSL)
NZG850	Spenser	9,500	11,500
NZG851	Molesworth	9,500	12,500
NZG854	Branch	9,500	10,500

8. ACTIVATION

8.1 These three temporary GAAs are designated for a trial period during the 2026/2027 summer season.

8.2 The three temporary GAAs will be activated as:

i. NZG851 Molesworth and NZG854 Branch together

ii. NZG850 Spenser

iii. (NZG870 (Lakes Station) will not be activated simultaneously).

8.3 Activation of the GAAs is by ATC approval only.

8.4 Once activated, the GAAs will remain active until ECT.

8.5 The temporary GAA will not be activated on days when there is actual or forecast icing conditions in the airspace above 9,500 ft.

8.6 Promulgation of the three temporary GAAs is via the Aeronautical Information Publication Supplement (“AIP SUP”) effective 27 November 2025

8.7 NZHGPA shall request activation of the GAAs by phoning the Airways Duty Manager on 03 358 1694.

9. AIRSPACE

9.1 Airways acknowledges the importance of these regional and national competitions and the significant part the airspace plays in the conduct of those competitions. Every effort will be made to allow activation of requested airspaces in accordance with this MOU.

9.2 Airways reserves the right to deny or restrict activation of any or all the requested airspace when operational circumstances exist.

9.3 GAAs are portions of controlled airspace (Class C or D) that revert to Class G airspace upon activation. Airways is not responsible for providing separation within Class G airspace.

9.4 Parties to this agreement acknowledge that the responsibility for the safe operation of their aircraft rests with the pilot-in-command. NZHGPA shall ensure contest participants know and understand this.

10. LIABILITY

10.1 NZHGPA acknowledges that Airways shall not be liable for any losses, damage, proceedings, costs, or expenses incurred as a result of or in connection with any accident, incident, or event occurring in relation to any contest or contests conducted by NZHGPA under this MOU.

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11. NOTICES

11.1 All notices and other communications relating to this MOU must be made to:

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SIGNED for and on behalf of

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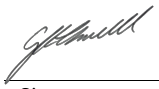
by:
(Refer to DFA Policy)



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Geoff Hounsell
Print Name

Head of Surveillance Services
Position

SIGNED for and on behalf of

New Zealand Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association Incorporated
by:

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Nicholas C J Taber
Print Name

CEO NZHGPA
Position

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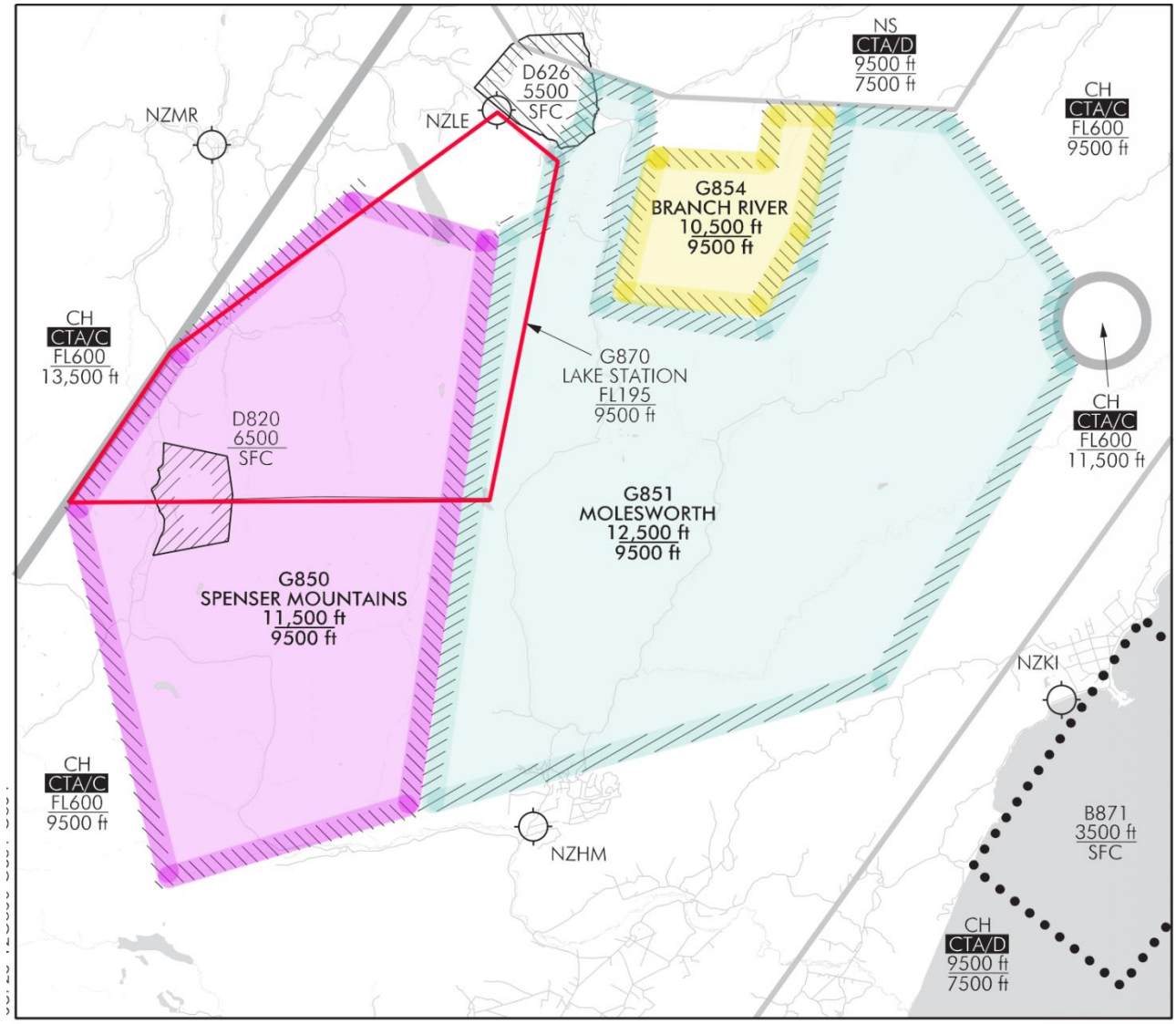
APPENDIX A

Temporary GAA Information

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