

Recreation policy Aircraft



Use of aircraft and recreational craft

We are responsible for ensuring a safe, secure and cost effective bulk drinking water supply for South East Queensland. We aim to partner with our neighbours, all levels of government, water service providers and the broader community with a clear objective of a whole-of-catchment approach to source water protection.

We recognise the important role that we play in balancing the ongoing health of the catchments and quality of the region's drinking water supply while providing access to a range of activities at our dams, lakes and parks.

Background

We sometimes receive requests to use the open space for aircraft and recreational craft operations, including take off and landing.

Policy Position

The impact these craft can have on visitor amenity is significant and there is high potential for conflict and incidents. As such, a person is prohibited from using our catchments lands, lakes and designated recreation areas to take off or land aircraft unless it is in response to emergency situations. This includes the use of these craft in connection with any approved event. If there is a requirement to use these craft as part of an organised activity or event, permission must be sought as part of the event application.

Aircraft and recreational craft include:

- Aeroplanes
- Amphibious aircraft
- Ultralight aircraft
- Helicopters
- Hot Air Balloons
- Hang Gliders and Paragliders
- Drones (there will soon be a separate policy for drones).

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CCTV and UAV Interim Statement

Seqwater's Use of CCTV and UAVs

1. Seqwater uses Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) to monitor and maintain our water supply assets, water catchments and recreational areas.
2. CCTV and UAVs are used by Seqwater to help enhance safety, reduce and prevent crime, and carry out maintenance such as weed spraying in areas controlled by Seqwater.
3. Information captured using CCTV and UAVs may constitute confidential information or personal information.
4. Any confidential information captured by Seqwater will be dealt with in accordance with Seqwater's legal obligations.
5. Any personal information captured by Seqwater will be handled in accordance with Seqwater's Privacy Policy and the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld). Information about how personal information is stored used and disclosed is detailed in Seqwater's Privacy Policy.



Your use of UAVs

1. You are permitted to use a UAV in Seqwater recreational areas as long as that use is compliant with Part 101 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR).
2. Seqwater requires that you respect the privacy and comfort of other patrons using Seqwater's recreational areas when you operate your UAV.
3. There are different rules depending on the type of UAV you are operating and all users should refer to the CASR to determine their legal obligations when operating UAVs in Seqwater's recreation areas. Generally, however, you must not operate a UAV:
 - (a) in a way that creates a hazard;
 - (b) in a prohibited area;
 - (c) above the maximum operating height prescribed in the CASR; or
 - (d) within 30 metres of a person.
4. If you cause a nuisance or you do not comply with the CASR in Seqwater's recreational areas, Seqwater may ask you to stop operating the UAV or leave the recreational area.

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