

City of Greater Geraldton

4.12 USE OF DRONES WITHIN CITY BOUNDARIES

SUSTAINABILITY THEME

Leadership

OBJECTIVES

To enable and facilitate the protection of people and property from injury or loss of quality of life due to drone activities within the City of Greater Geraldton boundaries.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Greater Geraldton, as a safety and welfare imperative, will engage with the community to emphasise and facilitate drone operators compliance with CASA regulations when operating within the City of Greater Geraldton boundaries.

POLICY DETAILS

1. CASA is the government agency tasked with aviation regulation, including drone activities. The regulations are promulgated via normal government channels however CASA also broadcasts plain language information in several formats including, but not limited to subscription emails, booklets, websites and public information sessions.
2. The City of Greater Geraldton supports the CASA initiatives and encourages drone pilots to comply with CASA regulations by directing them to relevant CASA websites following internet or website contact.
3. Continue to investigate ways (i.e. changes to local laws) to control drone usage on Council property.
4. Advocate to relevant authorities at an industry level to prevent trespass, nuisance or breaches of privacy as a result of drone activities.

KEY TERM DEFINITION

CASA – Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Drone - also known as UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle)

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Prime responsibility for this policy rests with the Director of Corporate and Commercial Services, supported by the following:

- The City will maintain website links to relevant CASA web links and ensure the Customer Service Call Centre information is up to date.
- The City will provide guidance to drone operators and report serious or repetitive potential breaches of regulations to CASA.

WORKPLACE INFORMATION

CASA <https://www.casa.gov.au/>

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POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Directorate		Officer	Review Cycle	Next Due
Corporate and Commercial Services		Director Corporate and Commercial Services	Biennially	2023
Version	Decision Reference	Synopsis		
2.	CCSXXX	Policy Review		