

# **[DRAFT] HELICOPTERS ON COUNCIL LAND POLICY**

## **1.0 PURPOSE**

The Helicopters on Council Land Policy specifies the conditions under which consent will be granted for helicopters to land on property under the care and control of Canterbury- Bankstown Council (Council). This includes parks, reserves, road reserves and car parks.

## **2.0 SCOPE**

This Policy applies to all short term/ temporary applications to land helicopters on property under the care and control of Council.

This Policy does not apply to privately owned property or sites under the care and control of other Government agencies. This Policy is also not applicable to landings by helicopters in an emergency, Police or Military situation, which are permitted to operate outside normal procedures, should the circumstances demand.

All applications for permanent helicopter landing sites will be subject to the Development Application process and relevant land use planning controls.

## **3.0 POLICY STATEMENT**

In order to minimise the risks to Council, to maintain public safety and to prevent damage to Council assets, Council will consent to the short term and temporary landing of a helicopter on Council land by not-for-profit/ community groups subject to the following conditions;

1. A Special Events Application Form must be submitted to Council with a minimum of 20 working days prior to the proposed landing.
2. The Application must include details of the Company, helicopter registration, pilot name and licence number. A copy of the helicopter company's Public Liability Insurance (aviation liability or a general public liability that will cover aviation type risks is essential) and a risk assessment should also be provided.
3. A site assessment must be conducted by Council and the helicopter operator prior to approval. The proposed helicopter landing site should generally be clear from residential areas.
4. Noise must not exceed the acceptable criteria specified in the Australian Standard 2363-1900 Acoustics- Assessment of Noise from Helicopter Landing Sites.
5. The proposed landing must comply with any requirements of regulatory authorities such as the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) or Air Services Australia (ASA).
6. Council may apply conditions to any consent it may grant, including notification to affected parties such as neighbouring residents and businesses.

7. In the event of inclement weather, the applicant should contact Council for advice on ground or park closures prior to landing the helicopter.
8. The applicant will be liable to Council for the cost of repair of any damage to any part of the ground or area, including shrubs, trees, flowers, turf, pipes and fittings, seats, playground equipment, buildings, sheds, facilities caused by the helicopter landing.

### 3.1 Applications that will not be approved

Council will not consent to any application where;

- It is for the purposes of joy flights or for profit activities.
- Sling operations, winching or rappelling operations are proposed.
- The proposed landing site is in use by another group at the same time.

## 4.0 RELATED RESOURCES

### 4.1 Legislation

- *Local Government Act 1993*
- *Civil Aviation Act 1988*
- *Air Navigation (Aircraft Noise) Regulations 1984*

### 4.2 Associated Documents

- Special Events Application Form

### 4.3 Definitions

***Not-for-profit/  
Community Group***

An organisation who does not operate for the profit or gain of its individual members. If profit is gained (either direct or indirect) it is used to carry out its purposes. For the purposes of implementing this Policy, the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Register will be used to assess the status of applicants.

## 5.0 POLICY OWNER

Manager Leisure and Recreation

## 6.0 AUTHORISATION

Adopted by Canterbury-Bankstown Council on [INSERT DATE].