

HELIPADS MANAGEMENT

POLICY STATEMENT

It is Bay of Plenty District Health Board's (BOPDHB) policy to ensure the safe operation of the helipads at BOPDHB hospital sites.

The Tauranga Hospital hangar is owned by the Philips Search and Rescue Trust and they are responsible for the hangar and the fuel installation.

PURPOSE

To ensure that the operation of the helipads located at BOPDHB hospitals meets safety requirements and complies with the conditions set out in the Resource Consent(s).

EXCLUSIONS

There are no exclusions.

STANDARDS

1. The Tauranga Hospital helipad is for use by Performance Class One and Non Performance Class One helicopters in accordance with Civil Aviation Rule 139.309 'Use of Heliports' (c) (2). It is normally used by the Trustpower TECT Rescue Helicopter which meets these requirements.
2. The frequency of flights must be kept to a minimum and only undertaken for the purpose of transportation directly associated with the need for urgent medical attention.
3. The flight time for each landing and take-off should be kept to a minimum. This should not exceed appropriate timeframes for each activity as identified in the Resource Consent(s).
4. The approach and take-off must be achieved using the approved flight path. A diagram of this flight path must be prominently displayed in the hangar.
5. The operation must comply with the noise standards for the type of site and activity under Rule 19.2.6.2 of the Tauranga District Plan.
6. An Emergency Response Plan for the aviation fuel storage facility must be available to the Council.
7. The activity must be monitored to ensure compliance with the conditions of use.
8. There will be an annual internal audit that will monitor this activity. The Audit will review the following issues:
 - a) The landing areas are kept clear and prepared for use at all times
 - b) If used infrequently a trial run through may need to be performed to ensure approach and noise levels are in accordance with approved conditions
 - c) A copy of the flight path is readily available to helicopter flight crew.
 - d) The helicopters used do not exceed the approved rating for noise levels
 - e) A current Emergency Response Plan for the aviation fuel storage facility is maintained and provided to the Hazardous Substances Officer at the Council

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REFERENCES

- Resource Consent # PT ALLOT 29 DP 16397
- Resource Consent # PT ALLOT 60 SO441B2
- Civil Aviation Rule 139.309 'Use of Heliports' (c) (2)

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 6.4.1 protocol 12 Patient Transfer - Helipads Management Standards – Tauranga Hospital

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