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Kia ora Sophie,

I am writing with reference to your request to the CAA under the Official Information Act for the following information. (CAA Reference number **24/OIR/255**)

*I would like to request any and all information, including civilian and military reports, reports to any and all government ministers, and any and all information shared between other government agencies and the CAA, including correspondence, relating to unidentified aircraft in Hawkes bay New Zealand airspace since June 29, 2019.*

### **CAA Response**

Please find enclosed with this letter the reports CAA has of unidentified aircraft in the Hawkes Bay area. The location in the report was determined by searching for reports where the nearest reporting point (NRP) was Napier Airport or Hastings Airfield. There is no other information within scope of your request.

Please note that reports of unidentified RPAS (drones) have not been included in the scope of your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

### **Ngā mihi**

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## Unidentified Aircraft at Hawkes Bay

Occurrence_No	Occurrence_Date_Time	Brief_Description	Location	NRP
20/6061	17-Nov-20	Complaint about noisy a/c. Rang back and left message advising NFA by CAA.	Flaxmere	HS
20/6587	16-Dec-20	Phone call from person annoyed by light a/c doing FLWOP practice near (overhead) Hastings. Advised is legal and CAA cannot take action against noise/nuisance. Was not happy.	Hastings	HS
21/1057	02-Mar-21	Concern aircraft turning off engines causes anxiety. Rang submitter. NFA by CAA.	Flaxmere	HS
21/398	28-Jan-21	Unknown aircraft entered controlled airspace at 7000ft without a clearance	Napier	NR
21/761	14-Feb-21	A/c reported a TA with an unidentified a/c while on approach. Other a/c also reported experiencing a TA with the a/c	Napier	NR
21/87	08-Jan-21	Small rocket seen to be operated within controlled airspace. Operator not known - reply sent ot submitter - NFA by CAA.	Taradale	NR
22/3193	04-Jun-22	Query about small plane allegedly flying too low. FR 24 shows an a/c in area - height is 1700 ft and possibly not the a/c in question as it is not there for whole time specified. Email reply sent advising NFA by CAA.	Hawkes Bay	HS
22/7092	26-Nov-22	Anonymous complaint about noise of helicopter. NFA by CAA.	Napier	NR
23/5724	14-Aug-23	Report from DoC of unidentified helicopter landing at DoC controlled carpark without permission. NFA by CAA - nothing shows on FR24. Email reply sent.	Mangatutu	NR