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RAAF Upgrades Haigslea UAS Flight Operations Area

In response to supporting the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Outback Rescue Team SRUAV 2009, RAAF Base Amberley and V-TOL Aerospace have increased the maximum takeoff weight (MTOW) permitted for UAS flight operations at Haigslea*. Haigslea was originally approved for UAS of < 20kg MTOW catering for the majority of V-TOL mini-UAS operations.



QUT Outback Rescue Team SRUAV 2009 with support personnel from V-TOL Aerospace during recent flight testing at the Haigslea UAS Flight Operations Area.

“To ensure the SRUAV team can conduct full autonomous flight testing of their UAS, V-TOL has successfully gained approvals from RAAF Base Amberley to increase the MTOW to 40kg a UAS is permitted to operate in the Haigslea RAAF controlled airspace. We are very pleased and greatly encouraged by the cooperation provided by the RAAF in gaining this approval,” said Peter Hill, Director of UAS Programs.

V-TOL Aerospace is an Australian leader in UAS technology and UAS Flight Operations.

***The V-TOL Aerospace Haigslea UAS Flight Operations Area is approximately 40km² with its southern boundary 10km northwest of RAAF Base Amberley. During operational hours V-TOL can operate 40kg UAS up to 1500ft AMSL in active RAAF controlled airspace. During inactive periods this airspace reverts to CASR 101 Regulations.**

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