

MODEL AERONAUTICAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

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1. INTRODUCTION.

1.1 In recent years the use of miniature aircraft for commercial activities has grown considerably as has the technical complexity and capabilities of these machines. In the publication of CAR (1998) Part 101, CASA included a section on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, UAVs. Visually there may be no difference between a Model Aircraft and a UAV. The difference is in the use of the machine.

2. PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of this publication is to document the M.A.A.A. policy with respect to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

3. DEFINITIONS

A.A.A.O.	Approved Aviation Administration Organisation
Affiliate Member	A person properly affiliated with a Club that is properly affiliated to an M.A.A.A. Ordinary Member
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
Club	A Club properly affiliated with a State Association
Club Member	A financial member of a Club
M.A.A.A.	Model Aeronautical Association of Australia Inc.
M.A.A.A. Ordinary Member	A State Association properly affiliated with the M.A.A.A. Inc.
Model Aircraft	A miniature aircraft operated for sport and pleasure only
MOP	M.A.A.A. Manual of Procedure
Ordinary Member	See M.A.A.A. Ordinary Member
State Association	See M.A.A.A. Ordinary Member
UAV	See Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
Unmanned Aerial Vehicle ..	A miniature aircraft that is either operated commercially (which includes for financial gain or reward), or does not comply with the definition of a model aircraft under MOP044. Commercial operation is intended to include aircraft whose purpose is to carry out those tasks whilst they are being prepared, developed, and tested prior to operation under those conditions.

4. POLICY

- 4.1 The M.A.A.A. prohibits the operation of a UAV from or at recognised M.A.A.A. flying sites.
- 4.2 The operation, testing and preparation of UAVs shall be subject to M.A.A.A. Policy document MOP057 - Insurance Conditions.
- 4.3 Model aircraft used by an M.A.A.A. recognised Paid Instructor, (see MOP023 – Commercial Instructors), for the purposes of training M.A.A.A. Affiliate Members or those covered by the M.A.A.A. document MOP042 – Visitor Insurance, are not considered to be UAVs for the purpose of this Policy.
- 4.4 In the event that the definition of UAV in this Policy is not adequate to determine whether an aircraft is considered to be a UAV in a particular situation the M.A.A.A. Secretary should be contacted to make a ruling.