

Hang Gliding and Paragliding Operations in Alice Springs Control Zone

Letter of Agreement

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Change summary

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3.1	Standard level for clearance changed to 3000 FT	
3.2	Pilot(s) to notify tower when operations are completed or when gliders are on the ground	

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1 Purpose

This Letter of Agreement (LoA) reflects the agreement between the parties on operational issues (for which no consideration is provided).

2 Scope

This LoA sets out the conditions under which hang or paragliding operations may be conducted from West Gap in the Alice Springs Control Zone.

3 Procedures

3.1 Area of operation

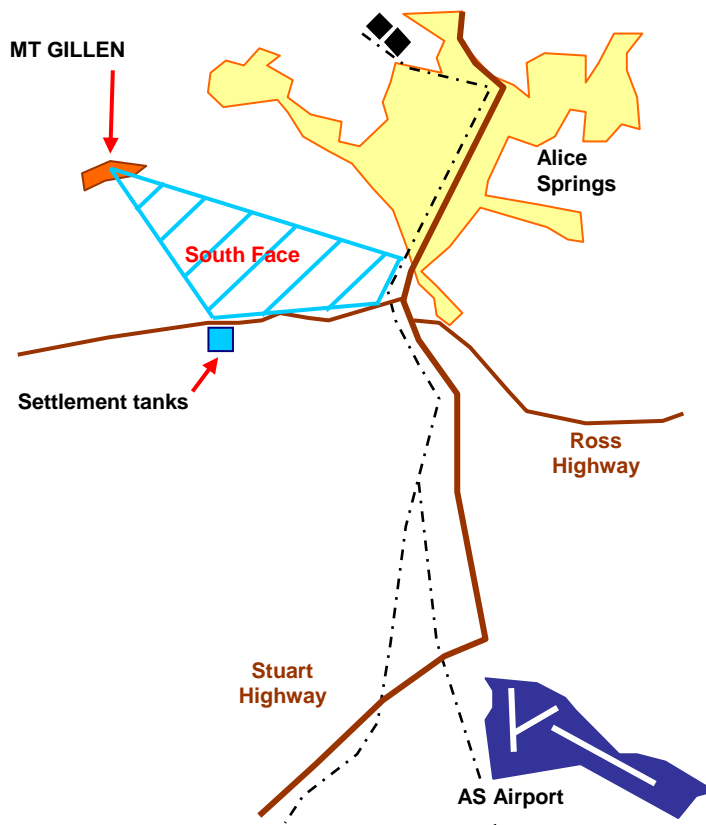
When hang or paragliding is approved at West Gap, operations are confined to the area bounded by the ridgeline of the MacDonnell Ranges from Mt. Gillen, east to the railway line, south along the railway line to Commonage Road, west to the Settlement Tanks, then direct to Mt. Gillen.

This area is named South Face.

Operations may be approved in other areas on request.

The vertical limit will be notified by Alice Springs Tower and is normally 3000 FT AMSL.

Alice Springs Tower may approve operations not above 4500 FT AMSL on request.



3.2 Conditions

The pilot(s) will:

- contact Alice Springs Tower by phone on 08 8950 7505 to obtain a clearance for operations
- establish two-way VHF communication with Alice Springs Tower on 118.3
- maintain a continuous radio listening watch on 118.3 while operating in the area
- notify Tower when operations are completed for the day

Alice Springs Tower can cancel the clearance at any time. All gliders must land within 15 minutes of the clearance being cancelled. The pilot(s) shall contact Alice Springs Tower to advise when they are on the ground.

The HGFA is responsible for all gliding activity within the area including SAR alerting.

Gliding is permitted only:

- by day
- in VMC
- during the hours of operation of Alice Springs Tower.

4 Noise – minimisation

The parties to this LoA:

1. agree to take all reasonable measures to minimise noise disturbance to members of the community
2. are aware of potential noise outcomes relating to the operations associated with this LoA and will work together to identify, investigate and where possible implement noise improvement measures
3. agree that future reviews of this LoA will take into consideration any noise complaints relating to the operations undertaken as part of this LoA.

5 Miscellaneous

5.1 Costs

Each party must bear its own costs in performing this LoA.

5.2 Variation

No variation or amendment to this LoA will apply unless:

1. it is in writing, authorised by each party to this LoA and
2. results in a new version of this document.

5.3 Termination

1. Either party may terminate this LoA by providing the other party with advance written notice of the termination date.
2. Airservices may terminate this LoA with immediate effect if Hang Gliding Federation of Australia becomes insolvent.

5.4 No legal effect

This LoA is not intended to create any legal rights or obligations as between Airservices and the Hang Gliding Federation of Australia.

6 Definitions

Within this document, the following definitions apply:

Term	Definition
LoA	This Letter of Agreement, including all attachments and appendixes.
Insolvent	Being insolvent under administration, insolvent or in liquidation, administration or receivership or having a controller, receiver, liquidator or administrator appointed as defined under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), being declared bankrupt or assigning its estate for the benefit of creditors, being dissolved or wound up or having something with the same or similar effect happen under the laws of any jurisdiction.