

Drone Operations – privacy statement

The commercial use of aerial drones for photography does not introduce any privacy concerns to the public that are not already concerns from other sources. The issue of privacy invasion with a camera is the same if it is handheld, from a CCTV security camera, in a helicopter, or on an aerial drone. If anyone has concerns about their privacy being invaded from an aerial drone, then they need to talk with the pilot of the drone just as they would talk with the owner of any other camera.

Flightworks provides commercial services with aerial drones, which often involves flying to the boundary of a client's property to create an accurate aerial map. Flightworks is certified by the Civil Aviation Authority to fly drones safely over property without owners permission, but this will only occur when the owner cannot be contacted or there is a biosecurity issue that needs our services. Flightworks does not undertake covert surveillance of people or their activities. Where we inadvertently capture potentially sensitive imagery of neighbouring property, people or their activities, we will permanently remove or blur that part of the image before providing it to the client. Where it is appropriate, we contact people neighbouring our project site to inform them of our aerial drone operation. We aim to have our operations highly visible, so that if anyone had privacy concerns then they can talk with us.

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