

QUICK SUMMARY

- Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAs) for commercial use are prohibited at Burning Seed.
- You must register in advance with REDMV if you intend to use a Remote Controlled aircraft (RC).
- Media intending to use RC aircraft for photos or filming will also need to register with Seed Comms.
- There will be a limit to the number of RC aircraft permitted for use at Seed.

**INTRODUCTION**

2015 saw the very first Remote Controlled aircraft at Red Earth City. Seed is keen to encourage more media and artists to make use of these amazing tools. However, Burning Seed has strict rules about their use, particularly in populated areas, and regarding safety and privacy.

DEFINITION and SCOPE

- Remote Control (RC) Aircraft include, but are not limited to: fixed wing planes, helicopters, multicopters (aka drones) and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).
- The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) - the Federal Government statutory authority responsible for the regulation of civil aviation in Australia - differentiates between Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) and Remote Control (RC) Aircraft by their intended use.
- From CASA's perspective, the difference between RPA and RC Aircraft is that RPA are used for commercial, government or research purposes and RC Aircraft are flown just for fun – for sport and recreation.
- If it flies it falls under this guidance.

POLICY

In the interest of safety and privacy for all participants Red Earth City Department of Mutant Vehicles (REDMV) regulates all remote controlled RC aircraft and requires that they be operated responsibly, and are subject to restricted fly zones and other rules of operation.

- You must register in advance with REDMV online if you intend to use any form of remote controlled aircraft at the event and you must sign a declaration that use of the RC aircraft will be non-commercial. Registrations will be limited.
- Filming or photography from a RC aircraft requires separate photography/film accreditation. Approval to operate a RC aircraft does not automatically grant photography/film accreditation.

ALLOWED

- ONLY operate during DAYLIGHT – NO night flying!
- Operate only in good weather and be in visual-line-of-site of the aircraft at all times.
- Maintain at least 30m distance from all people, structures. and vehicles.

NOT ALLOWED (Federal Government Regulations)

- Don't use First Person View flying (flying based upon video stream, not direct sight).
- Don't fly above 400ft (123m) or closer than 30m to people, structures. and vehicles.
- Don't fly over groups of people. In fact avoid flying over people in general.
- Don't operate RC aircraft under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Don't fly inside burn perimeters.

SAFETY

- If an operator is acting in an unsafe manner, Police, forestry, REDMV or the Red Earth Rangers have the authority to confiscate the controller/transmitter and/or the aircraft.
- Burning Seed will not be held liable for any breach of duty of care by anyone operating RC aircraft.
- Registration of RC aircraft with Burning Seed is acceptance by the operator of full liability.
- Operating RC aircraft is a potentially risky activity. Operators should be aware of potential liability under the common law of negligence and may need to consider public liability insurance.

PRIVACY

- Even with just one RC aircraft in 2015, some participants raised strong concerns about privacy and were unhappy about being filmed onsite - even from a distance.
- RC aircraft must be registered. Participants will be made aware of the presence of RC aircraft registered at the event, and of the restrictions that will apply to use.
- RC aircraft users who believe use of the RC aircraft for the purpose of filming people may constitute an invasion of privacy should consider the need for written releases.